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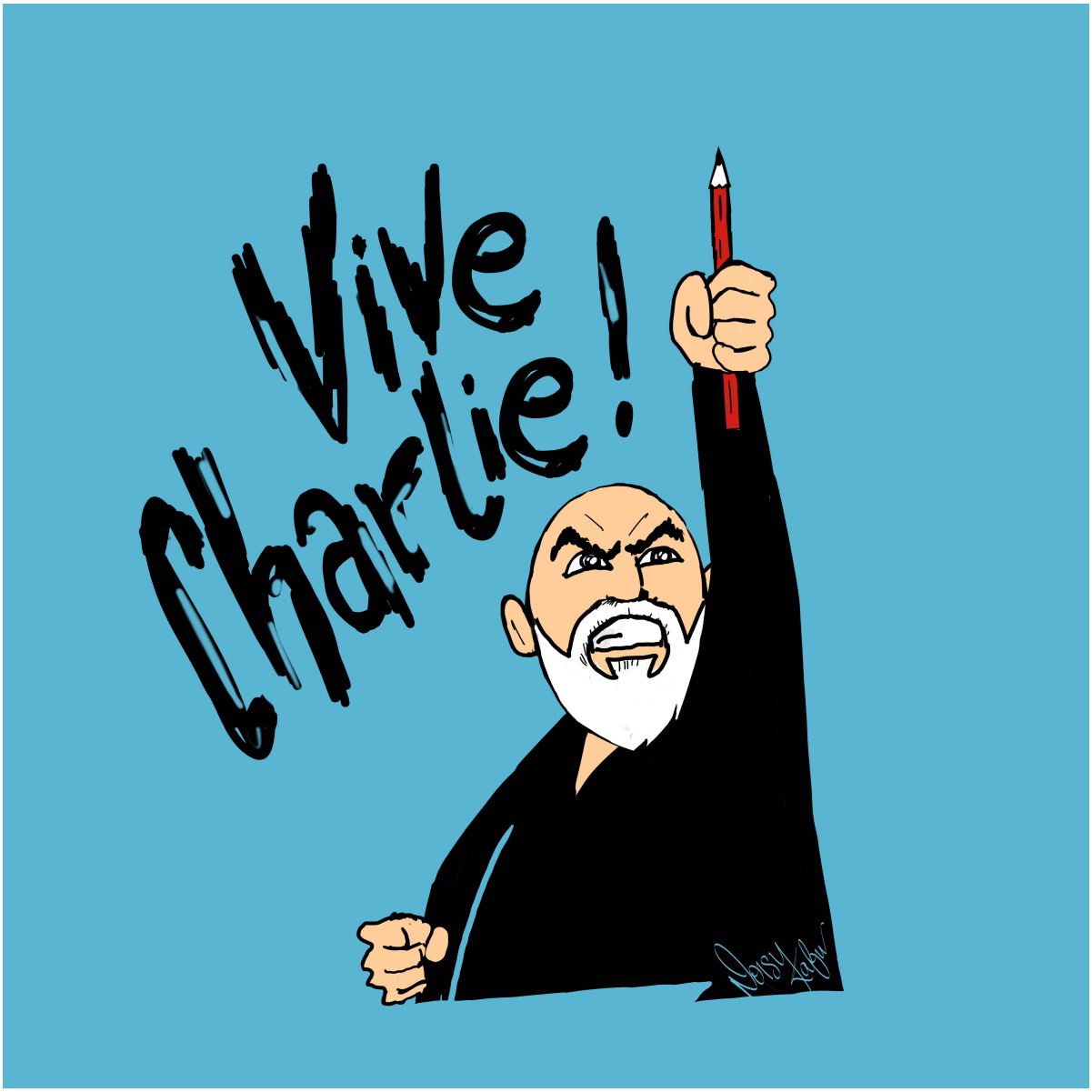

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Old Holborn

There are 60million of us but only 646 of them

Britain's Vilest Troll - Daily Mail. Award winning Columnist, Satirist, Libertarian legend. Champion of Free Speech and a Free Society.

A house, a house! My kingdom for a house.

It appears we are running out of space to live in the UK. Media are reporting that we will need 750,000 new homes in England alone if everyone who demands housing is to be satisfied. And sure as eggs, the political elite are rushing in to offer various solutions that will fit their vested interests or political agendas.

The State sponsored charity, Shelter, are reporting that 20% of 18-34 year olds will be living with their parents because they cannot afford to buy or rent a home. In response, let it be noted that I cannot afford to live or rent in Mayfair for "economic reasons", so I moved and bought where I could afford, not where I desired. Dreadful I know, but I can find a two bed UK property for £13K, albeit not in Knightsbridge. Come on people, adapt, it's what we do best, isn't it?

Then along popped a new charity, the Intergenerational Foundation, suggesting that old people be funded by the taxpayer to move out of their bought and paid for houses and into one bed flats to free up the property they were "hoarding", the capitalist property owning bastards. A little research will show that the Intergenerational Foundation is in fact a collection of ex Guardian columnists and left wingers living in four bed mansions in Islington themselves, whilst screaming that you shouldn't. No wonder George Monbiot of the Guardian is so keen to back them telling you what you can and cannot do with your own property.

Then of course, Migration Watch, a right wing think tank with a dislike for immigrants chip in and tell us that if all these bloody immigrants weren't coming over here, taking our houses and jobs, and cooking all that funny food, there wouldn't be a problem. Now, as a libertarian, I believe you should live anywhere you damn well please as long as it's you paying the rent, not me. Don't blame immigrants for heading to the UK to do the work our social services pay our citizens not to do. I'll take all the Iranian nuclear engineers this country can get, and if any German designers or Turkish brain surgeons need somewhere to stay whilst they find gainful employment, I have a spare room – and an urgent list of vacant jobs they are perfectly qualified for – unlike our UK "workforce" currently sitting on the sofa clutching a GSCE in citizenship, Grade D (a pass with honours apparently). Migration is not the issue. Paying people to do nothing is the issue guys.

Perhaps we could ban second homes say the left. Er, no. My money, to do with as I please, remember? If I fancy a cottage overlooking the harbour and I can afford it, I'll buy one. If you cannot afford one, why should I be banned from having one? Does your argument also apply to televisons or iPads? Once again, the politics of envy demanding "you have it, I don't, so none of us will, that's fair". Not exactly a recipe for progress or ambition, driving everyone down to a sleeping bag on a park bench because out there, right now, twenty people are sleeping on the streets and we need to show solidarity, bruvvers.

There is only one answer to the housing shortage in the UK. Free up some more land from the State and ALLOW US TO BUILD. Planning permission will see the value of an acre of land rise from £7,000 to £2,000,000 at the stroke of a pen, so something is very definitely wrong with planning laws. I'm not talking about concreting over the New Forest or digging up the Yorkshire Dales, I'm talking about using the space we already have. Nobody needs to live in commuter belt suburbs anymore, times have changed. No longer do we need to cluster around a mainline railway station, stacked in little boxes, protected by a green belt so we can join the cattle trucks in the morning to work in a central London office. Spread it out a bit, we haz the internetz, now innit. I'm sure I'm not the only person online who can work from anywhere with an internet connection. If I could just get a little bit of land, get planning permission on it without having to convince an army of NIMBYS all protecting their priceless views and property portfolios from "the incomers", I could build a house for £40,000 and live in it. And if I could, you could, he could, they could, we could. That will never do in a land where we all live off selling each other mortgages and insurance and the state lives off endless Stamp Duty revenue.

I can buy a house (online of course) and it can be built for me in 6 weeks. Delivered, finished, carpeted, lock, stock and barrel off the back of a truck. Europeans have been doing it for decades, this is not new, untrusted technology. Our German cousins don't buy a completed Barratt's house on an estate at the market rate from Stock Exchange listed property developers, they buy the plot and build what they want, alongside their neighbours.

The housing market is not a market at all, it's a conspiracy of vested political and business interests to maintain the status quo for their own ends. Free up the land and let us get on with it and there will be no housing problem to solve. Ah, but what do we know, we only live here...

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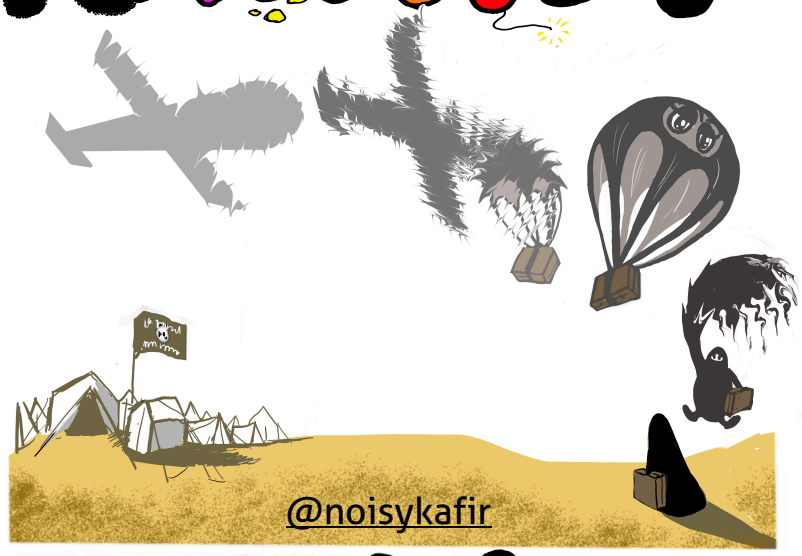
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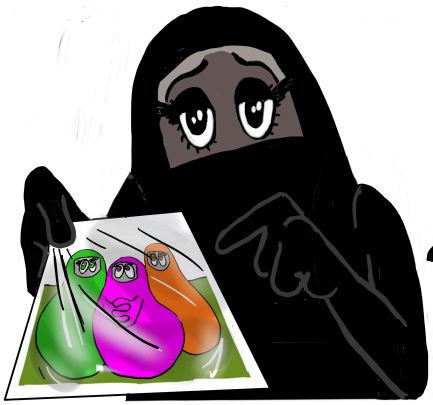

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Vive Charlie TV with @Alibambi

Muslamic Cleric, Abu Bin Smokingcrack, today issued a fatwa against George Clooney. He claims that George has been waging his very own counter jihad by grooming much younger Muslim women, putting them in short skirts and makeup and then parading them around town. Cleric Bin Smokingcrack, went on to say that "this level of anti Muslim hatred is becoming more common as civilised people just don't respect our medieval, barbaric ways anymore"

Our front cover this week is inspired by an ISIS themed wedding that took place in Egypt. The bride and groom are lead to a cage by masked men brandishing knives and then everyone has a good old knees up, waving knives. Watch the VIDEO and maybe consider having an ISIS themed wedding or celebration yourselves. It looks great fun!!!

Those lovely chaps from ISIS have inspired Burkapapa this week. A Kurdish mother decided to visit ISIS HQ to demand the release of her captured son. After her long journey they gave her cups of tea and a meal of cooked meat, rice and soup. After she had finished her meal she asked to see her son, only to be told by the ISIS fighters that she had just eaten him!!!

Draw Mohammed Day

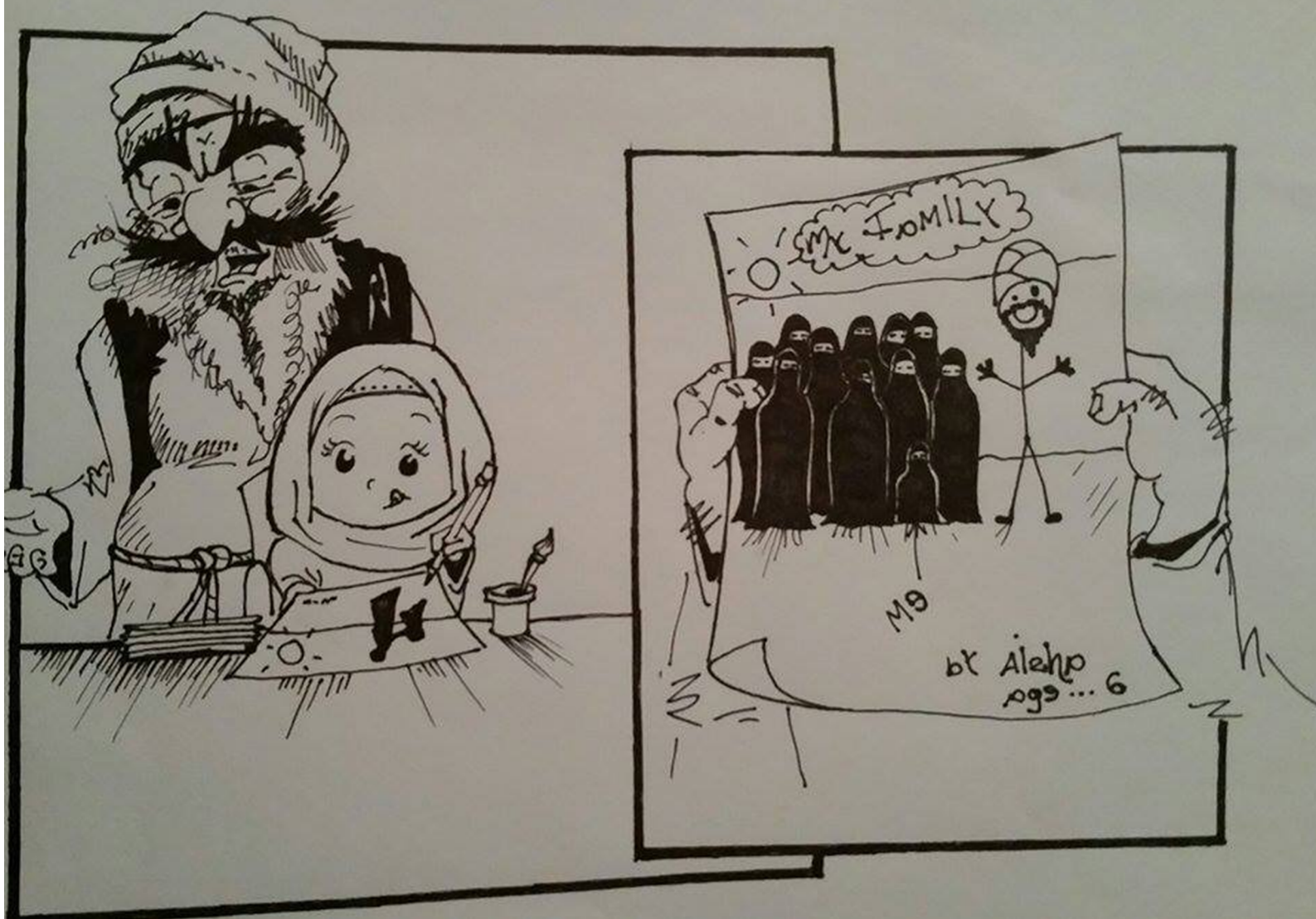
May 20th 2015

In response to the Paris and Copenhagen terrorist attacks we have launched a 'Draw Mohammed' competition.

We invite you to submit your depictions of Mohammed to vivecharlie@mail.com. Each week we will publish our favourite, which will go into our final, from which a winner will be selected on or around the 20th of May.

The winner will be invited to email us a photo and we will transform you into a cartoon character and feature you in an issue of Vive Charlie.

Our favourite this week is from "Audrey"



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Hug A Jihadi

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The radicalisation of young Muslims is a serious topic. So serious, in fact, that the head of young people's services at Rotherdale District Council has come up with a cunning plan which she unveiled at this year's social worker's conference in Birmingham.

"Good morning, colleagues. My name is Maureen and I'll be leading this breakout workshop this morning at conference. As you know, we're going to be discussing the radicalisation of young Muslims, but before we start can we just take a moment to focus, take some deep breaths and adjust our chakras so that we can all get the most out of this session?

"Now, there have been a lot of stories in the press lately about young Muslims going off to foreign lands to fight jihad on behalf of the Prophet Mohammed... peace be upon him. Now some of you may have been to Turkey for your holidays but I want to tell you here and now that where these young people are going isn't a bit like the Turkey we know. It's nothing like Antalya or Marmaris. These areas are a little more basic. It's also very hot indeed and some of these young people may have left home without any sunscreen so they are at risk of severe sunburn. They're vulnerable youngsters and we need to do what we can to understand them and get them back to the UK where they can lead more productive lives while respecting the rights of others.

"The first case I'd like to look at is John. Now John's family fled Kuwait and managed to gain asylum here in the UK when John was just six. He went to his local school in west London but it's fair to say he had a few anger-management issues. However, he worked hard and managed to get a place at the University of Knightsbridge where he learned to programme computers. Unfortunately it was while he was on his way to a lovely safari holiday in Kenya that he was intercepted by some of our intelligence officers who didn't believe he'd gone to Kenya to see lions and elephants. I'm afraid they were a bit rough with him. One even raised his voice to John and tried to suggest that he should become an agent for MI5.

"Well John wasn't used to having clear boundaries set down and I think it's fair to say he got a bit upset and that forced him to look into the world of jihad and it that forced him to look into the world of jihad and it was then that he decided he was going to join ISIS in the Middle East. Now he wouldn't have done anything like that if those men from MI5 hadn't been so brusque and terse with him. Unlike social workers, intelligence officers aren't known for their empathetic attitudes so they probably did more harm than good. If they'd called in a counsellor at the time and John had got some therapy it would have been a different outcome.

"John had his passport confiscated but it's to his credit and a sign of his inner resourcefulness that he managed to get out of the country and took himself off to Turkey where he was able to slip over the border into Syria. There he finally found somewhere he felt he belonged and he was very popular with many of the other jihadis because he was willing to do the messy jobs like beheading innocent hostages and making infotainment videos. Now, I know what you're thinking... beheading people isn't a very nice thing to do and it is probably on the extreme end of the anti-social and unacceptable behaviour spectrum but we must understand that John probably didn't have much choice if he wanted to fit in and be accepted in his new friendship circle. I think it's important that we're not too judgemental concerning his actions. Let's remember that in order to understand someone else's experience it's essential that we walk a mile in his or her Birkenstocks.

"I think we can see here that John enjoyed being useful and he felt wanted and needed amongst his new friends. This is something we failed to do when he was in England. We didn't make him feel useful. Now if we had had a programme for engaging with potential jihadis, and the budget for enough outreach workers, we might have been able to strike up a dialogue with John and the whole narrative of this worrying situation could have been quite different.

"Not to put too fine a point on it... I'm suggesting that austerity and budget cuts have largely been

Fortunately we are now getting some extra cash and we'll soon be launching a 'Project Hug A Jihadi'. The aim of this programme will be to 'love up' these young men and women so that they don't feel forced to blow things up, cut people's heads off or bulldoze priceless relics and heritage. According to our research, this destructive urge is just a passing phase and if we can get to the young people early enough we can make a difference.

"We will also be launching an outreach project in Syria where we will be sending case workers to ISIS territory with small items that the young boys and girls might be missing from home. These items include Factor 15 SPF moisturiser, G4 internet dongles and plenty of soft M&S underwear. These may sound like small things to you and me but our research shows that some of our home-grown jihadis really do miss them. We're determined to win hearts and minds with this operation.

"So, the new programme starts next week and we're looking for a dozen volunteers to engage with the young radicals in Syria. Hands up who'd like to go. Anyone? Come on! This is a chance to make a difference. Some of you must be interested."

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for goalposts
This is shit playing with a football. We need more stupid Western journalists and aid workers to come to the Islamic State so we can capture them, rape them, torture them, then behead them
Josy Kobz

The Adventures Of MoeJoe Prophet Moe And Jihadist Joe

JOE: Hi everyone, I'm Jihadist Joe and I'm going to be taking you along on my days of Jihading my way to global peace. This is my boss, prophet Moe, he's here just in case we get stuck whereupon he will have revelations that will conveniently justify pretty much anything we want to do.

JOE: I love to go a Jihading right across Iraq and as go I love to kill, everything in my path. Christians, Yazidi, Muslims rat tat tat tat tat.
MOE: Singing is haram akhi, if you don't stop I'll have to cut your head o

MOE: Oh look a defenceless town filled with women, kids and old people. They're not flying the black flag of jihad so must be enemies of the Muslamic Regional State of Anbar. **JOE:** We really need a better acronym than MRSA, we sound like a killer virus not the tip of the sword for the Religion of Peace

JOE: The Quran says that if we kill an innocent, it would be like killing the whole of humanity. How can we justify this?
MOE: Those kids are causing mischief so by rights we could crucify them and chop off a hand and a foot.

JOE: OK, I'll fire a few RPG's and we can be home in time for supper.
MOE: Can't you use your AK47 so I can carve up the injured defenceless survivors?
JOE: Oh, go on then, you old traditionalist you.

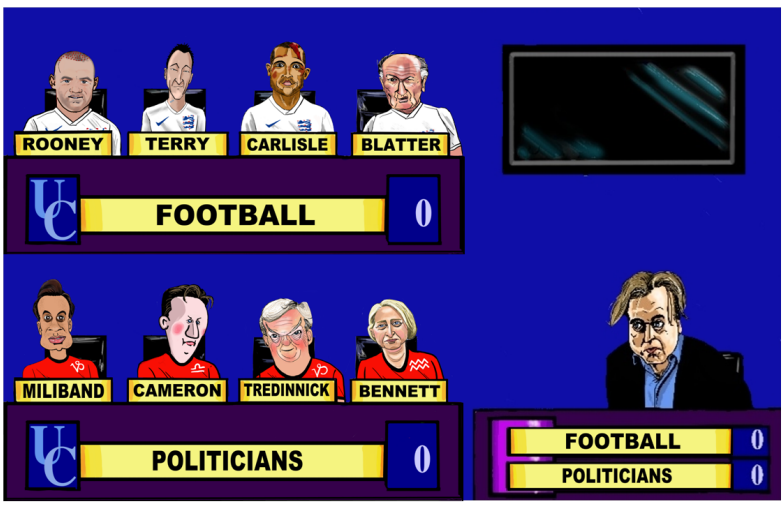
JOE: Another day closer to global peace and now we can gouge out their eyes and play snap until the sun sets in the murky pond.
MOE: ALLAN ACKBAR!!!

Universally Challenged

Hosted by Christopher Hitchens

Hitch: This week's teams are Football and Politicians, with team captains Rooney and Miliband. OK, question one. How much...

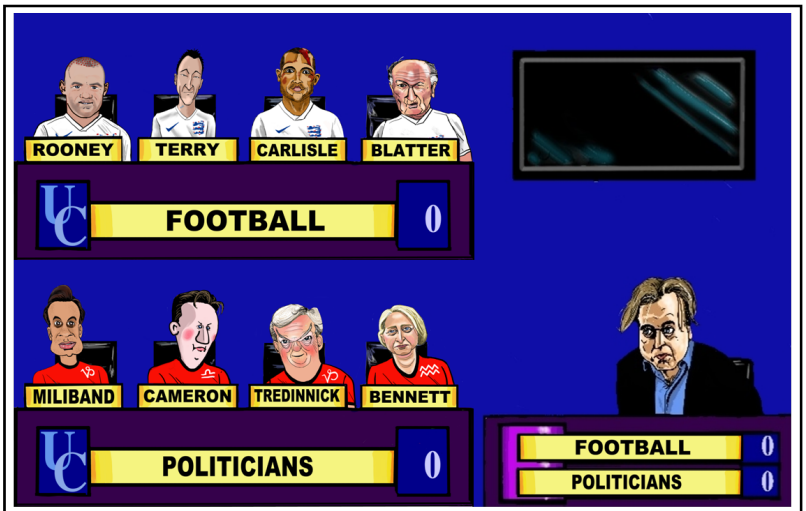
BUZZZ Football Blatter: I bribed the producers so I could be team captain. This is an outrage!!!



Hitch: OK, question one. How much does a pint of milk cost?

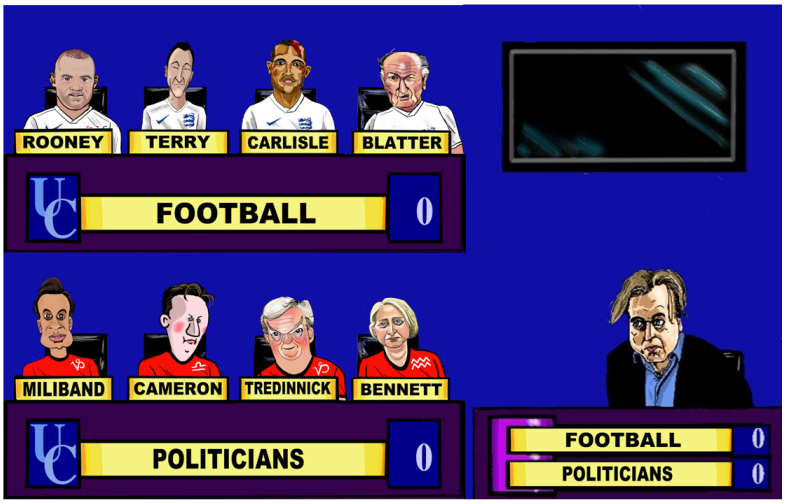
Hitch: Come on, I'll have to hurry you. Anyone?

Hitch: OK, it's clear you're all detached from reality!

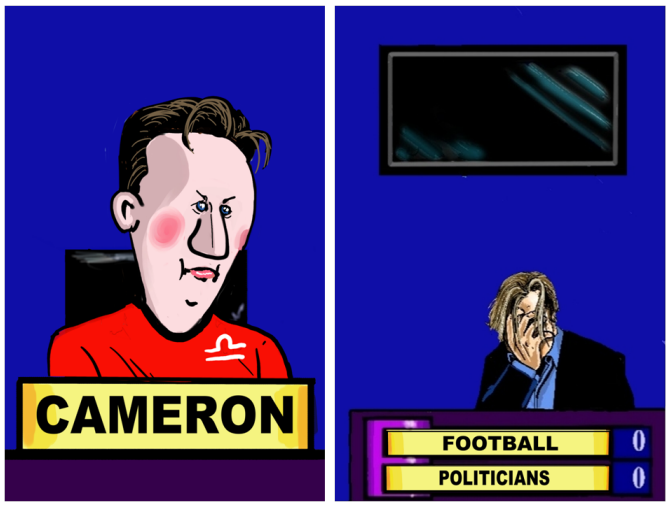


Hitch: Question two. What would be the most effective way of reducing NHS waiting lists?

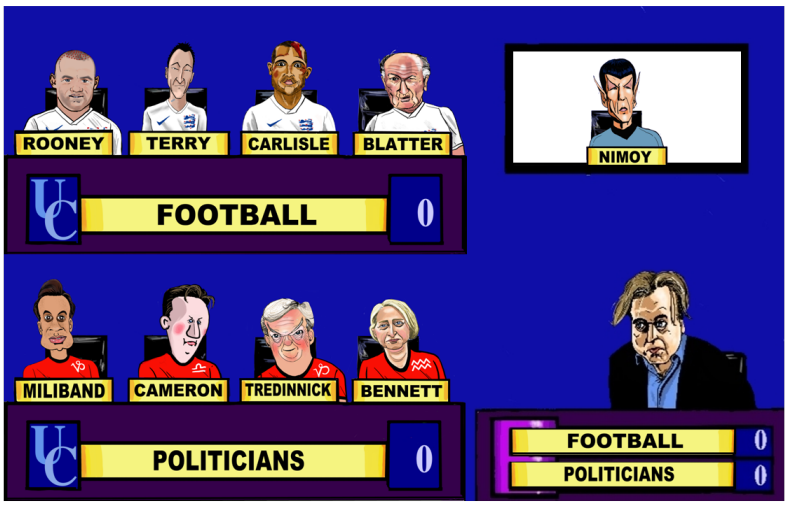
BUZZZ Politicians Tredinnick: Astrology.



Hitch: What was the motivation behind the Islamic terrorist attack at the offices of Charlie Hebdo in Paris?

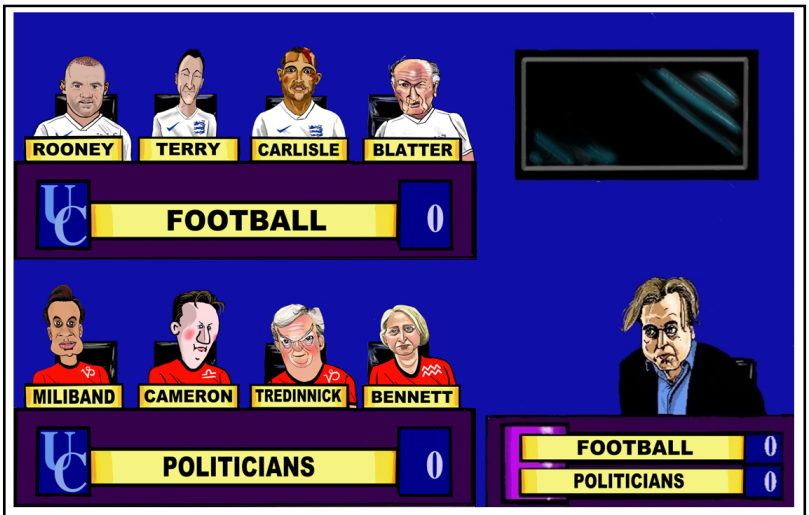


BUZZZ Politicians Cameron: It was nothing to do with Islam.



Hitch: On the screen is one of our previous contestants, who sadly passed away very recently. What was his famous saying?

BUZZZ Politicians Miliband: May the force be with you Captain?



Hitch: What is the name of the association set up to represent the interests of professional footballers?

BUZZZ Football Terry: The Klu Klux Klan

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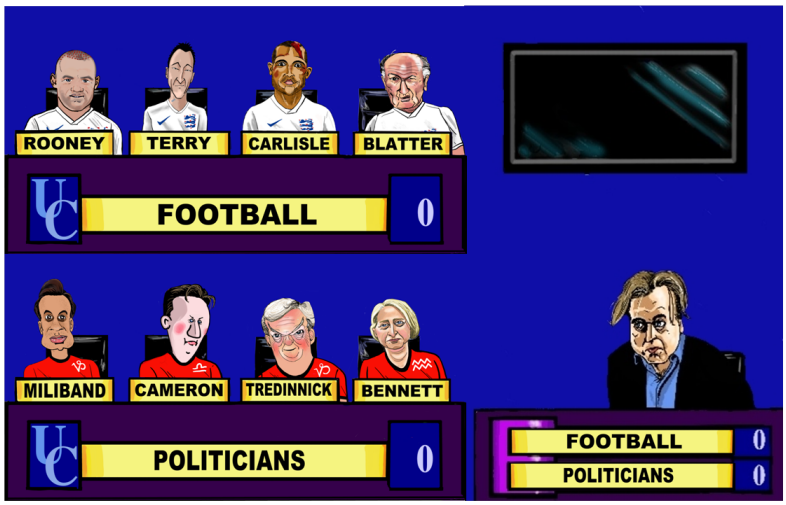
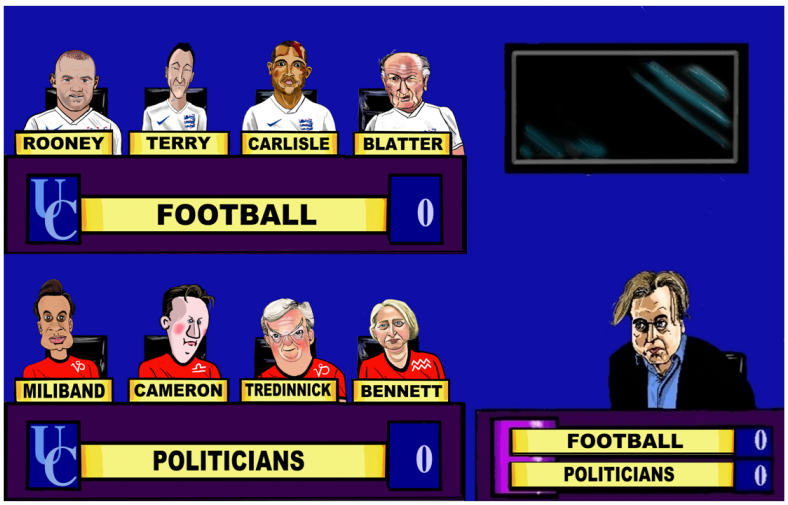
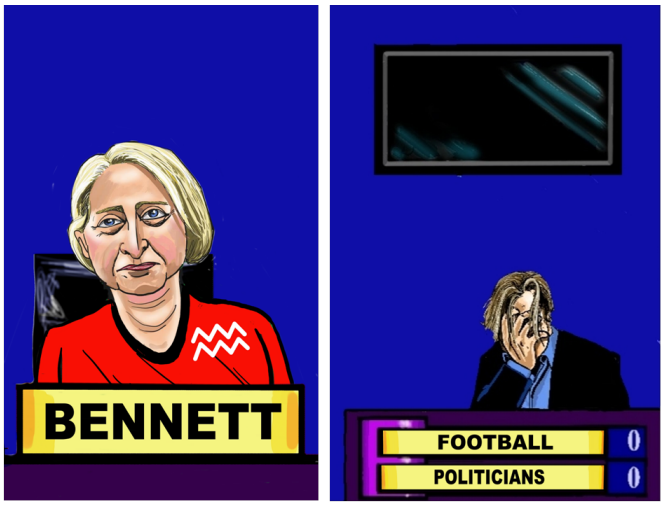


Hitch: What is the single most important aspect of the UK economy?

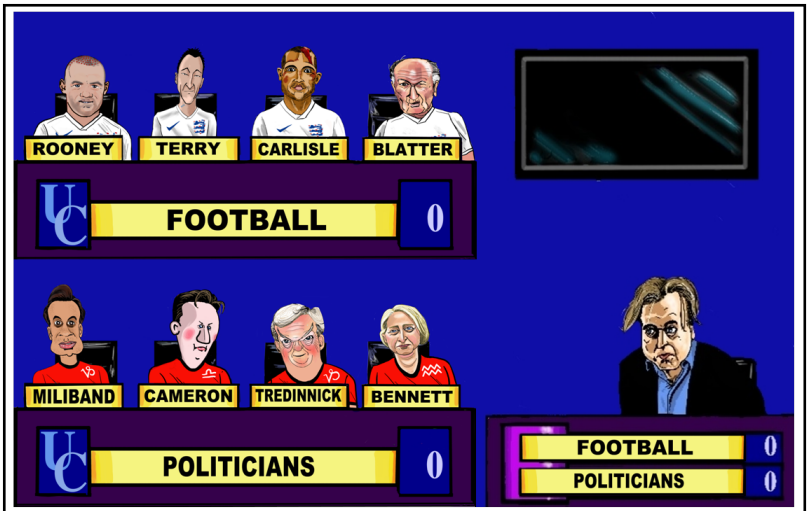
BUZZZ Football Rooney: Football?



Hitch: What changes to Article Five of the UN Declaration of Human Rights would be required to assure equal rights for all?



BUZZZ Politicians Bennett: We must award rodents full rights on an equal footing with humans.



Hitch: Final question, what is the recommended course of action for those suffering depression?

BUZZZ Football Carlisle: Jumping into the path of a speeding truck?

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The Ballad of Jihadi John

Terror, Apologists, and the Vindication of Gita Sahgal

By Jamie Palmer

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SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL: Mohammed Emwazi (Left) and Asim Qureshi of CAGE (Right

You might be surprised to know, but the Mohammed that I knew was extremely kind. Extremely gentle. Extremely soft-spoken. [He] was the most humble young person that I knew. We're gonna release all the emails . . . and what you'll see when you read those emails is somebody who, despite going through great difficulties in his personal life, he belittled that difficulty.

These were the now-notorious words Asim Qureshi, research director for the Islamist pressure group CAGE, used to describe Mohammed Emwazi, a British Islamic State fighter wanted for his part in the beheading of at least 5 hostages. They were offered at a catastrophic press conference called by CAGE in the wake of the Washington Post's unmasking of Emwazi as the IS executioner hitherto known as 'Jihadi John'. CAGE, the Post revealed, had been in contact with Emwazi before he left for Syria.

Listening to Qureshi's lachrymose little eulogy, I was reminded of a Guardian profile of Mohammad Sidique Khan, published just one week after the 7/7 terror atrocity, which had claimed the lives of 52 people and maimed a further 700. It was headlined Mentor to the Young and Vulnerable, and it began like this:

Born in Leeds, suicide bomber Mohammad Sidique Khan spent his working life with young, vulnerable children. The 30-year-old, father to a 14-month-old daughter, Maryam, was a mentor in primary schools for children with learning difficulties. He is known to have taught hundreds of children [. . .] One child who was taught by him at Hillside said: "He seemed a really kind man, he taught the really bad kids and everyone seemed to like him. He was there about three years and then he went on holiday and never came back. We just knew him as Mr Khan."

The narrative being advanced in both instances is of a harmless individual, naturally inclined to selflessness and compassion for the disadvantaged, transformed into a pitiless foot-soldier for the Islamist slaughterhouse by the actions and policies of the West.

The Guardian's profile of Khan had appeared under the joint byline of its then-crime correspondent Sandra Laville and a 27 year old trainee named Dilpazia Aslam. The day before, the Guardian had published an opinion piece by Aslam entitled We Rock The Boat: Today's Muslims Aren't Prepared to Ignore Injustice. "I think", Aslam had written... ...wh at happened in London [on 7/7] was a sad day and not the way to express your political anger. Then there's the "but". If, as police announced yesterday, four men (at least three from Yorkshire) blew themselves up in the name of Islam, then please let us do ourselves a favour and not act shocked.

"Shocked," he went on, "would be to suggest that the bombings happened through no responsibility of our own." This responsibility, he explained, lay with British support for the US-led war in Iraq in general, and the counter-insurgency operation in Fallujah in particular. Aslam noted that the Iraq war had resulted in "22,787 civilian Iraqi casualties to date", but neglected to mention that the vast majority of these were victims of the same jihadist terrorism that had just been visited upon his fellow citizens in London. Apparently, the injustice of Muslims - both Sunni and Shia - being blown to pieces in the marketplaces and mosques of Iraq by their co-religionists was not sufficient to stir his sense of moral outrage.

Nor did the language Aslam used to describe the crime suggest that he was exactly overburdened with disgust at the use of suicide terror as an instrument of protest. On the contrary, his article sought to valourise a new generation of Muslim activists who refused to fall into line behind the British establishment. "The don't-rock-the-boat attitude of elders," he concluded ominously, "doesn't mean the agitation wanes; it means it builds till it can be contained no more."

Last week, Mohammad Emwazi's behaviour was likewise explained as a consequence of Western actions, only this time his treatment at the hands of British intelligence was to blame. As CAGE's research director would have it, this mild-mannered and thoughtful bearer of "posh baklava" had been subject to a campaign of surveillance and harassment which had left him with no option but to behead aid workers and journalists.

Invited to condemn Emwazi's actions on Channel 4 news, Qureshi found himself conspicuously reluctant to do so. He preferred to emphasise the extravagant efforts CAGE had made to secure the release of Alan Henning, and accused Jon Snow of anti-Muslim prejudice for having the temerity to even ask him such a question. Undeterred, Snow pressed Qureshi for an answer and was finally rewarded with this:

Absolutely. If it's somebody, whether it's Tony Blair, George Bush, Dick Cheney - when somebody's involved in war crimes, they should be condemned for those war crimes and they should be held accountable for those war crimes.

"I am asking," Snow persisted impatiently, "about Mohammed Emwazi. Do you condemn what he's doing?" Qureshi:

Of course I condemn...erm...the...the...act of killing people or assassinating them or executing them. That is not really the way in which I think they should be going about doing things . . . But coming back to what CAGE thinks is important: when you have a cycle of violence; when you see things like Guantanamo Bay taking place; when we see the images of torture coming out of Abu Ghraib, and Guantanamo and everywhere else, then what that does - that sends a message to other parts of the world that you can treat human beings like animals, and what we are seeing in Iraq right now is a manifestation of what we have seen elsewhere.

The similarities between the sentimental narrative of self-pity offered on behalf of Mohammed Sidique Khan by Dilpazia Aslam and that offered on behalf of Mohammed Emwazi by Asim Qureshi are striking, right down to the last trope. Bombing tubes and buses is "not the way to express political anger" and beheading bound and helpless hostages in front of a video camera is "not really the way to go about doing things." This is not a coincidence.

Aslam, it turned out, was then a member of the Islamist organisation Hizb ut-Tahrir, an openly imperialist, totalitarian, racist, and homophobic political organisation, with extremely regressive views regarding women's rights and emancipation. And while Hizb ut-Tahrir may not openly endorse violent jihad to establish the theocratic caliphate for which it yearns, it is extremely reluctant to criticise those who do, and happy to voice its support for the

While Asim Qureshi denies any current affiliation with Hizb ut-Tahrir, his views are indistinguishable from theirs. At a Hizb rally outside the US embassy in London in the summer of 2006, he boldly declared:

When we see the example of our brothers and sisters fighting in Chechnya, Iraq, Palestine, Kashmir, Afghanistan then we know where the example lies. When we see Hezbollah defeating the armies of Israel, we know what the solution is and where the victory lies. We know that it is incumbent upon all of us to support the jihad of our brothers and sisters in these countries when they are facing the oppression of the West. [video link here]

Notice the use of the word "incumbent" here. Holy war under such circumstances is not held to be a preference or a negotiable tactic, but a religious obligation.

When Dilpazia Aslam's Hizb ut-Tahrir connections were exposed in the week after his 7/7 articles appeared, the Guardian acknowledged that "several colleagues and some senior editors" were already aware of Aslam's involvement with the group, and conceded that his political affiliations ought to have been clearly disclosed. This oversight had apparently been an unfortunate error, not a deliberate attempt to mislead.

Be that as it may, a more pressing question remained. What was the Guardian doing with an Islamist propagandist on its payroll at all? It is inconceivable that it would employ a trainee it knew to be a committed BNP activist to speak on behalf of the white working class, still less to provide informed commentary in the wake of a white nationalist terror outrage.

But the Guardian was indignant and, in an article credited to an unidentified 'staff reporter', it accused "rightwing bloggers from the US" of engaging in a politically-motivated and "obsessively personalised" witch-hunt: This episode was a striking illustration of the way that blogs and bloggers can heat up the temperature and seek to settle scores - as well as raise legitimate concerns about journalism and transparency - when something awful happens in the streets of London.

Nevertheless, in the face of gathering press criticism, the paper asked Aslam if he would resign his membership of Hizb ut-Tahrir. When he refused, they asked him to resign. When he refused to do that either, the paper "regretfully concluded that it had no option but to terminate Mr Aslam's contract with the company."

Aslam may have been left without a job, but he could reasonably say that his personal integrity was intact. The Guardian, on the other hand, had willingly compromised its values to accommodate a member of a fascist organisation. Aslam's Islamist apologetics were, after all, indistinguishable from much of the opinion on jihadist terror offered by its own columnists. He shared their hatred of Bush, Blair, Israel, and the West and this, apparently, was enough to set his eccentric views about democracy, the place of women, and the impermissibility of homosexuality to one side.

CAGE - formerly known as Cageprisoners - meanwhile, has sought to position itself as a legitimate member of the human rights establishment. On its website the organisation describes itself as: An independent advocacy organisation working to empower communities impacted by the War on Terror. The organisation highlights and campaigns against state policies, striving for a world free from oppression and injustice.

What it actually does is to agitate for the unconditional release of any and all Islamists held on terrorism charges, irrespective of whether they languish in extra-judicial detention or they have been lawfully convicted by a properly constituted court under due process.

On 20 February 2010, for instance, Cageprisoners carried a post on its website [cached here] announcing a demo organised by 'The Women of Hizb ut-Tahrir' to protest the imprisonment of Aafia Siddiqui (also known as 'Lady al-Qaeda'). Siddiqui had been tried before a New York jury and, on 3 February 2010, duly convicted on all seven counts, including two of attempted murder. For this, she naturally blamed Israel.

In 2011, the counter-extremism blog Harry's Place reported that Asim Qureshi had given a lecture at Queen Mary University in East London at which he had denigrated secular Palestinians, praised Hamas and the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, endorsed the use of suicide terrorism (euphemised as "martyrdom operations") against Israeli civilians, and advised students of the legal and religious legitimacy of volunteering for jihad in Palestine, Chechnya, and Iraq. CAGE also maintained links with notorious extremists like Abu Qatada and al Qaeda operative Anwar al-Awlaki (at least until the latter found himself on the receiving end of an American drone.)

But none of this prevented CAGE from cultivating relationships with ostensibly respectable NGOs, journalists, activists, MPs, and celebrities who were

journalists, activists, MPs, and celebrities who were all mesmerised by the organisation's groovy rhetoric about oppression and injustice and its opposition to rendition, extra-judicial detention, control orders, and Guantanamo Bay. Human rights organisations like Liberty, Amnesty International, and Reprieve have all forged links of various kinds with the group, co-sponsoring campaigns and co-signing letters; Peter Oborne, Clive Stafford-Smith, the Labour MP Sadiq Khan, and Vanessa Redgrave (of course) have spoken at the group's conferences and shared platforms with their activists; and CAGE has been pleased to accept six-figure donations from the Roddick Foundation and the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. All of this has damaged the reputation of the organisations and individuals concerned in the eyes of those who have been paying attention, whilst - disgracefully - helping to launder the reputation of CAGE in the wider public perception.

In 2010, the head of Amnesty International's gender unit Gita Sahgal attempted to warn her organisation of the dangers posed by its links with former Guantanamo detainee and Cageprisoners director Moazzam Begg. She maintained that while it was right that Amnesty should campaign for the release or trial of Begg and others likewise held in extra-judicial detention, they should not be decorating such people with their own moral legitimacy, nor forging links with Islamist organisations of any kind, irrespective of overlapping concerns. In an internal email, Sahgal protested:

I believe the campaign fundamentally damages Amnesty International's integrity and, more importantly, constitutes a threat to human rights. To be appearing on platforms with Britain's most famous supporter of the Taliban, whom we treat as a human rights defender, is a gross error of judgement.

When her objections were brushed aside, Sahgal went public in a Sunday Times interview, an act of principle and moral courage for which she was rewarded with a P45 and a tsunami of abuse, perhaps the most egregious example of which came from blogger-turned-Guardian columnist Sunny Hundal:

Listen Gita, we get it: you're angry. No one rallied to your support other than a bunch of discredited neocons who are best known for their mealy-mouthed apologies for torture.

Oh and Salman Rushdie, the man offering moral guidance after signing a letter supporting child-rapist Roman Polanski. I suppose not many sane people would be heartened with that kind of support. But Gita bravely kept giving more interviews to would be heartened with that kind of support. But Gita bravely kept giving more interviews to Christopher Hitchens so they could together take down Amnesty. Brave stuff.

Five years on, Sahgal has every reason to feel vindicated. As CAGE's credibility implodes in the wake of Qureshi's ill-advised paean to Mohammed Emwazi, those previously proud to stand beside its activists are suddenly scrambling to find a way to distance themselves without admitting that they had ever been wrong.

In 2013, the Community Security Trust warned the JRCT that CAGE were an extremist-linked and anti-Semitic organisation, but their concerns, like Gita Sahgal's, were waved away. However, on 2 March, in the wake of the disastrous Emwazi press conference, the Charity Commission announced that it was launching an investigation into the Roddick Foundation and the JRCT, and on 6 March, the Com mission announced that "both the Roddick Foundation and the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust have ceased funding CAGE and will not be doing so in future."

CAGE have every reason to feel betrayed by this unseemly flight. Like Dilpazia Aslam, they have never been ashamed about who and what they are, and their narrative of victimhood and innocence has been remarkably consistent. Interviewed by Andrew Neil on the BBC's This Week programme, Qureshi was unembarrassed by questions about his associations with Hizb ut-Tahrir ("a non-violent organisation") and his support for jihad ("the right to self-defence"). It is not CAGE that has changed but the political environment.

In 2001, the belief that America was somehow to blame for the attacks of September 11 was fairly widespread on the political Left. A generous interpretation of this phenomenon might be that it was - at least in part - an attempt to rationalise an event that was otherwise incomprehensible, and that this appearance of an explanation was nourished by a pre-existing reservoir of hostility to American hegemony and power. Likewise, there was a certain amount of misplaced sympathy for the idea that the Madrid and London atrocities were an inevitable consequence of misguided wars that the Left despised. If anything, this retrospectively reinforced the idea that 9/11 was an understandable - if excessive - blowback caused by American foreign policy (although exactly which aspect of American foreign policy was seldom specified).

But as time has worn on, the appetite for this kind of sickly, reprehensible masochism has been diminishing. Bush and Blair are both long gone. The righteous protests against the Iraq war are a receding memory. Yet still the attacks continue. And with every new Islamist atrocity committed on Western soil, fewer people are prepared to accept that this is somehow the fault of the victims.

Gazing at the moving scenes of crowds pouring onto the streets in the wake of the Paris attacks, I wondered if we were finally witnessing a perception shift. Since the controversy over the Danish cartoons in 2005/6, a lot more people seem to have concluded that what is being demanded of open societies is unacceptable, and that the punishment being meted out to those who disobey has become intolerable.

At the Guardian, a chasm opened up between columnists above the line, who were perversely committed to the idea that fanatical sensibilities were to be respected, and commenters below the line who had wearied of this craven tune. After all, even if cartoonists agreed to desist from depicting Islam's purported prophet, what on earth were Jews supposed to do?

And in the background, across the Muslim world, Islamist violence has run totally out of control. When people open their browsers now or watch the news, they see scores of defenceless children being massacred in Pakistani schools. They see the wholesale slaughter of villages by Boko Haram and the summary execution of mall shoppers by al-Shabaab. And they see the pornographic cruelty of the Islamic State: beheadings, crucifixions, mass graves, immolation, slavery, ethnic cleansing. None of this is intelligible as a resistance to American or Zionist imperialism anymore. The sheer arbitrariness of the spiralling carnage - in which cruelty is an end, not a means - inspires only revulsion and horror.

CAGE do not seem to have realised that with all this harrowing mood music, Muhammad Emwazi was always going to be a tough sell as a sweet-natured naif, no matter how florid the language marshalled in his defence. Nor is he simply some nameless beard rotting in a cell for something or other he may or may not have done somewhere miles away in the midst of some hated war. Long before Asim Qureshi delivered his pitiful defence, Emwazi's reputation as a ruthlessly malevolent sadist who barks demands and then slaughters his victims like livestock was already firmly-established.
Apologetics for terrorism depend upon a reversal of cause and effect. But in seeking to persuade people that Emwazi became a fanatic following interest from the security services rather than vice-versa, CAGE wildly over-reached. Given the available evidence, many understandably concluded that the problem here wasn't a surfeit of MI5 interest but the exact opposite.

For too long, much of the liberal commentariat and the widely-respected NGO establishment have allowed a combination of credulity and ideology to blind them to the toxicity of Islamism and those who espouse it, even as the corpses have stacked up before their eyes. And while CAGE looks to be finished, liberal apologia for others like them will not disappear overnight. Just as the controversy over Dilpazia Aslam's employment changed nothing at the Guardian, I suspect that the errors which led Amnesty and others into the arms of CAGE will remain uncorrected once this row blows over.

Nonetheless, Gita Sahgal and her supporters can take satisfaction in Sahgal's vindication. The humiliation of CAGE, and the collateral damage inflicted on its enablers, have been worth the wait for their own sake.

My previous essay about CAGE, Moazzam Begg, and philo-Salafism can be found here.

"When we see the example of our brothers and sisters fighting in Chechnya, Iraq, Palestine, Kashmir, Afghanistan then we know where the example lies. When we see Hezbollah defeating the armies of Israel, we know what the solution is and where the victory lies. We know that it is incumbent upon all of us to support the jihad of our brothers and sisters in these countries when they are facing the oppression of the West." Asim Qureshi

Videos of the week

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With the brilliant Morgana Robinson

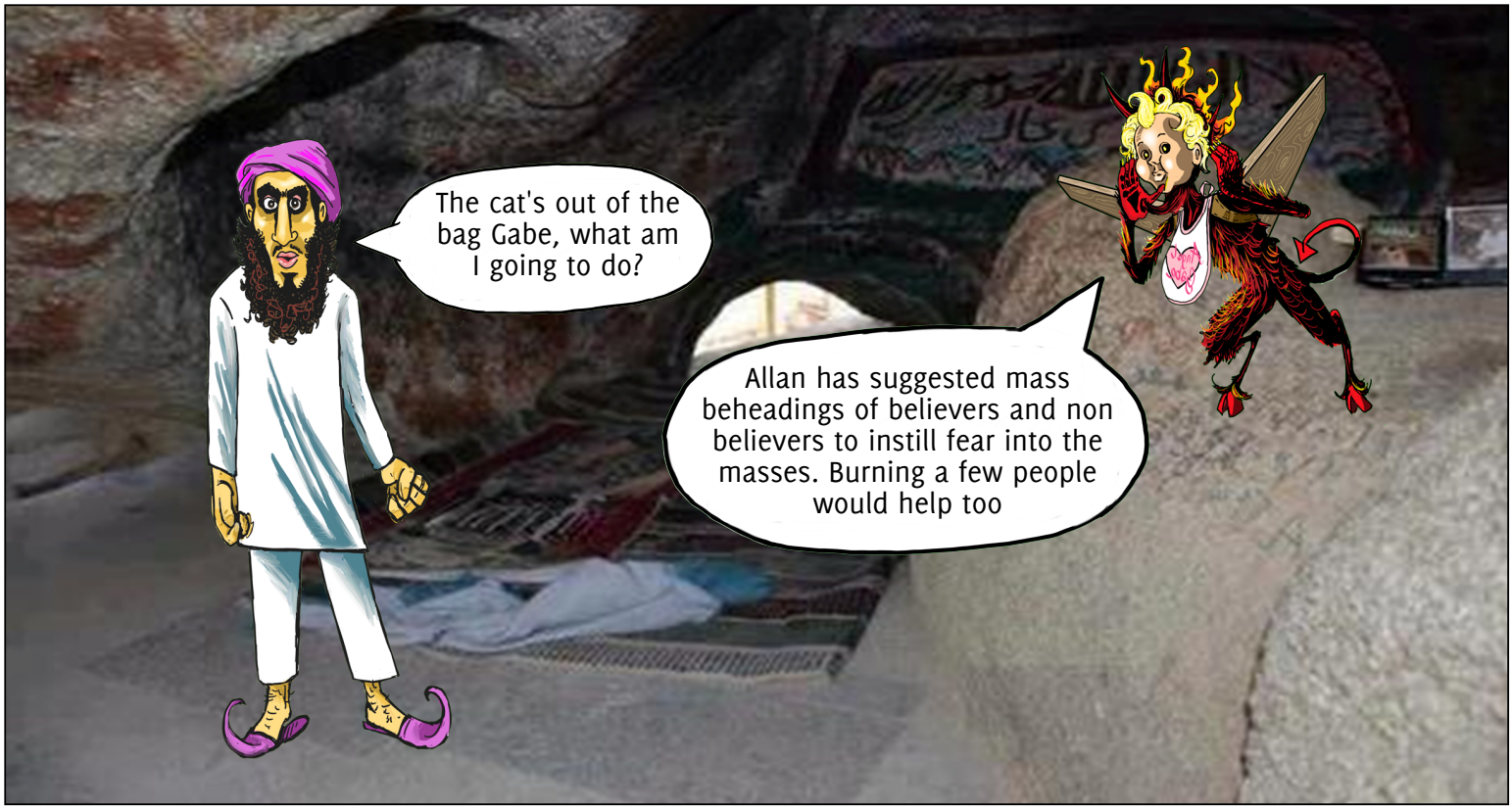
[The Peach](): Russell Brand, Your Life is Pointless

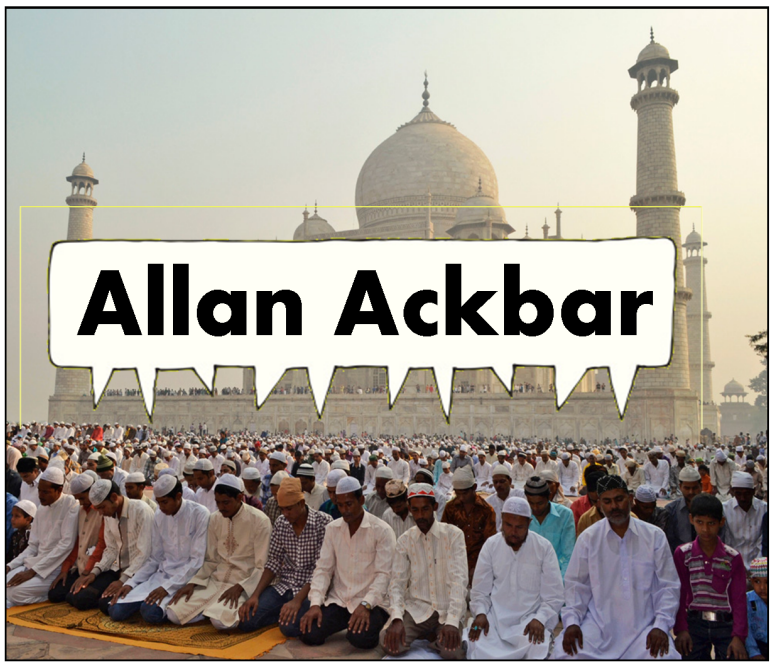
Quite possibly, the saddest and most embarrassing attempt to counter Stephen Fry. The next time you attempt to answer an intellectual, you better come armed with much more than empty rhetoric.

"Islam is NOT for Me" song with lyrics.

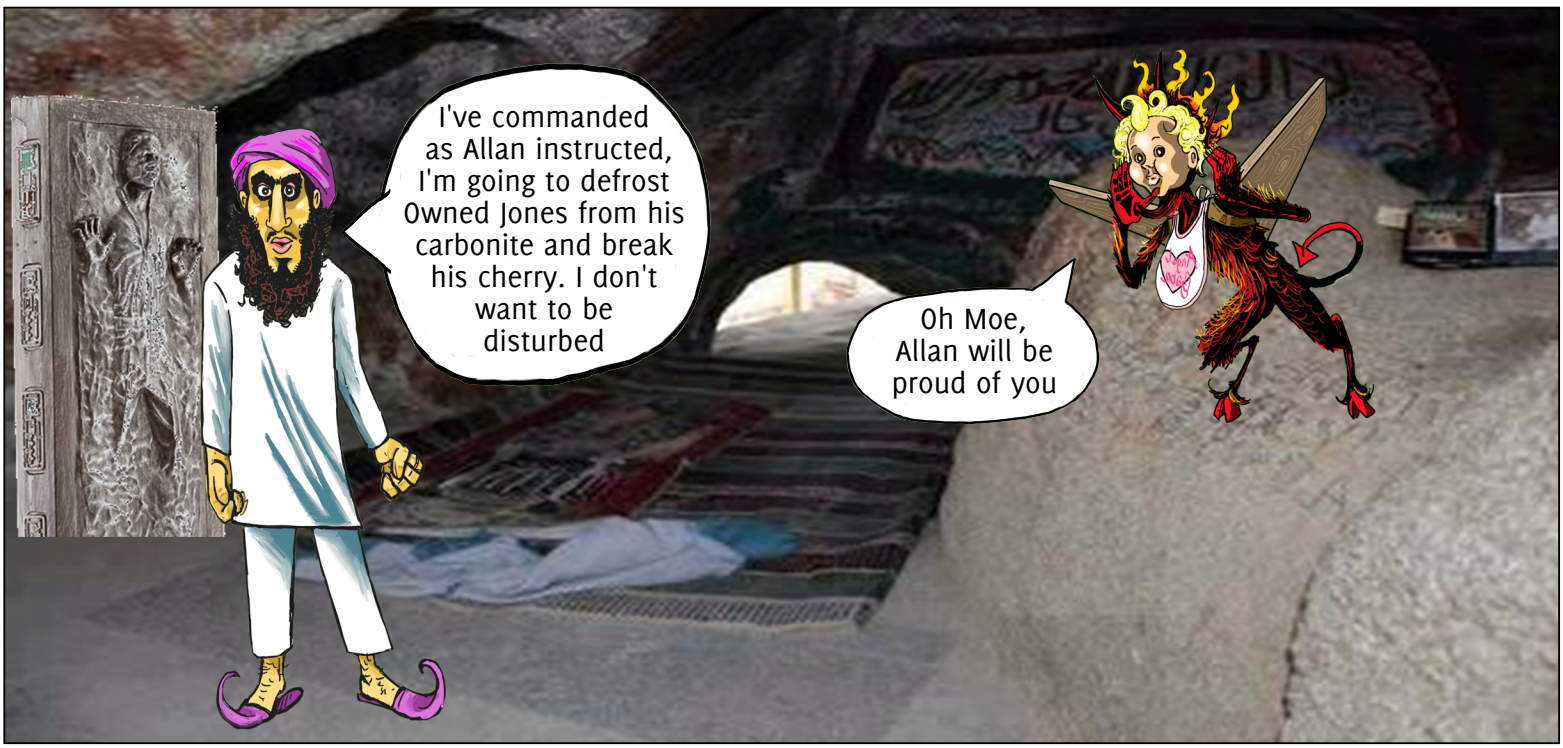
SPEECH WARS

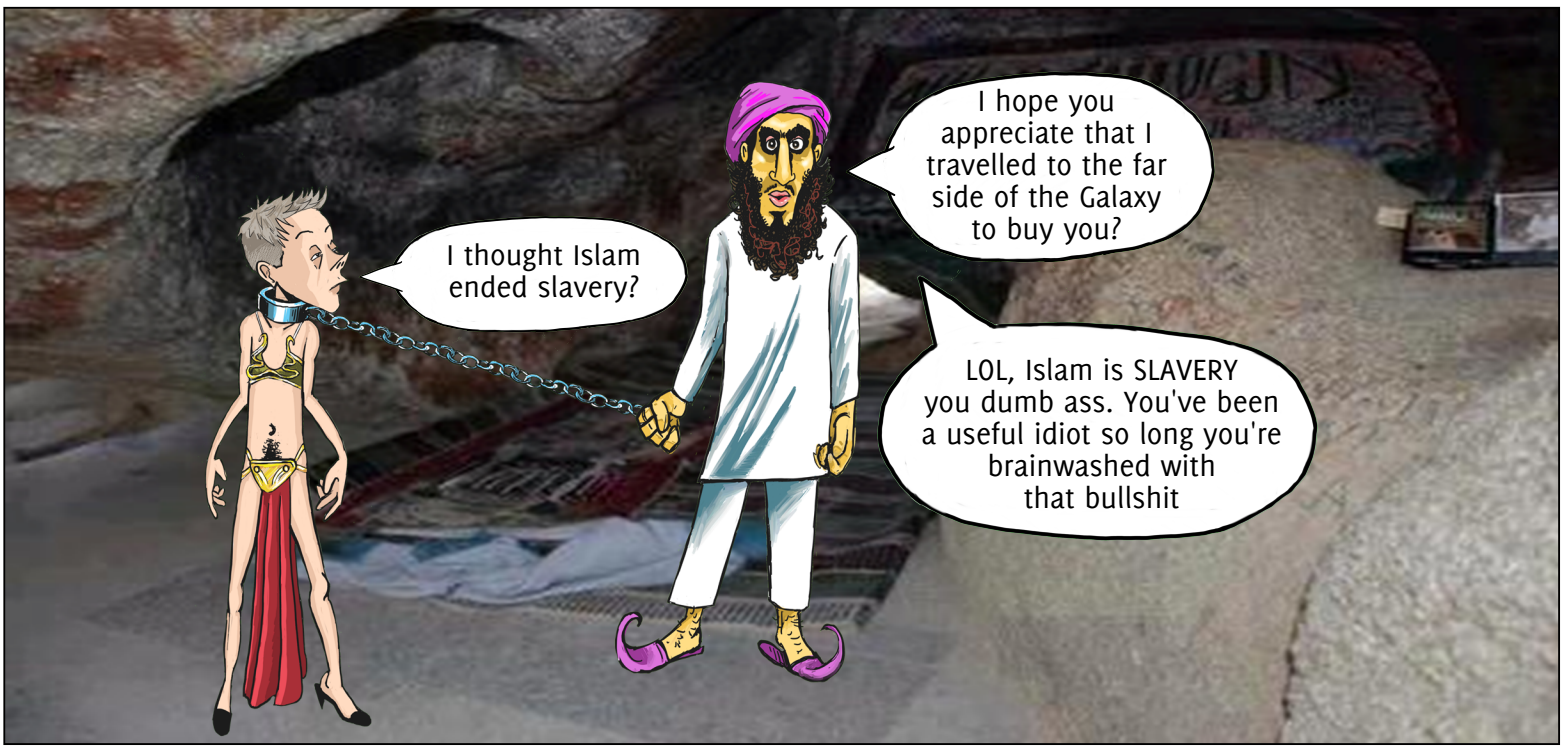
Episode five. Emperor Murdoch retained his Evil Media Empire by pledging to give everyone free Sky TV for a decade. He was also ordered to end the censorship of Muslamic cultural extremism. Moe and his Muslamic hoards have arrived back on Earth after their crushing defeat on Planet Hebdo to find blasphemy laws are losing their grip in civilised society. There are even rumours that some useful idiots are starting to accept that freedom of speech and expression are essential to a free secular society.....



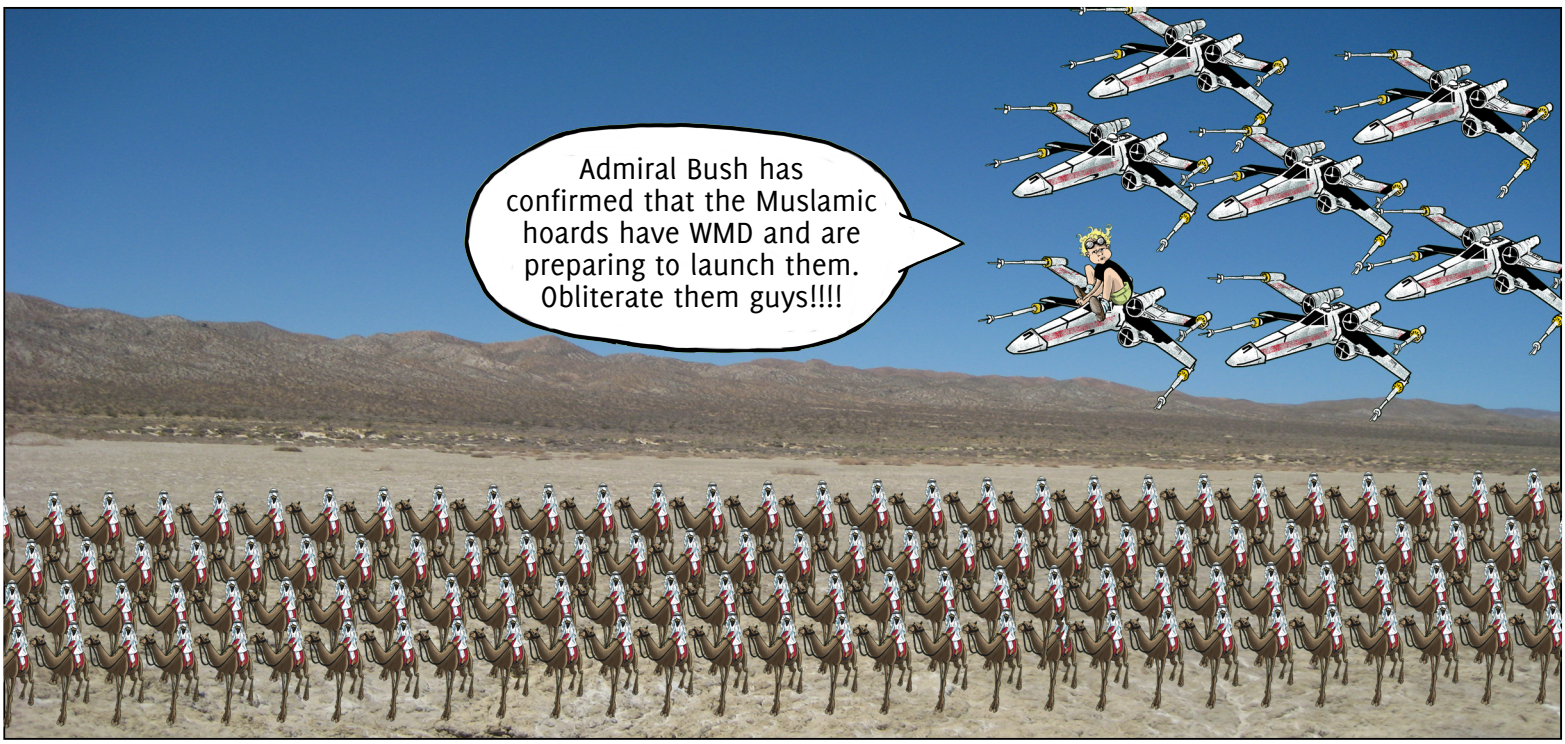


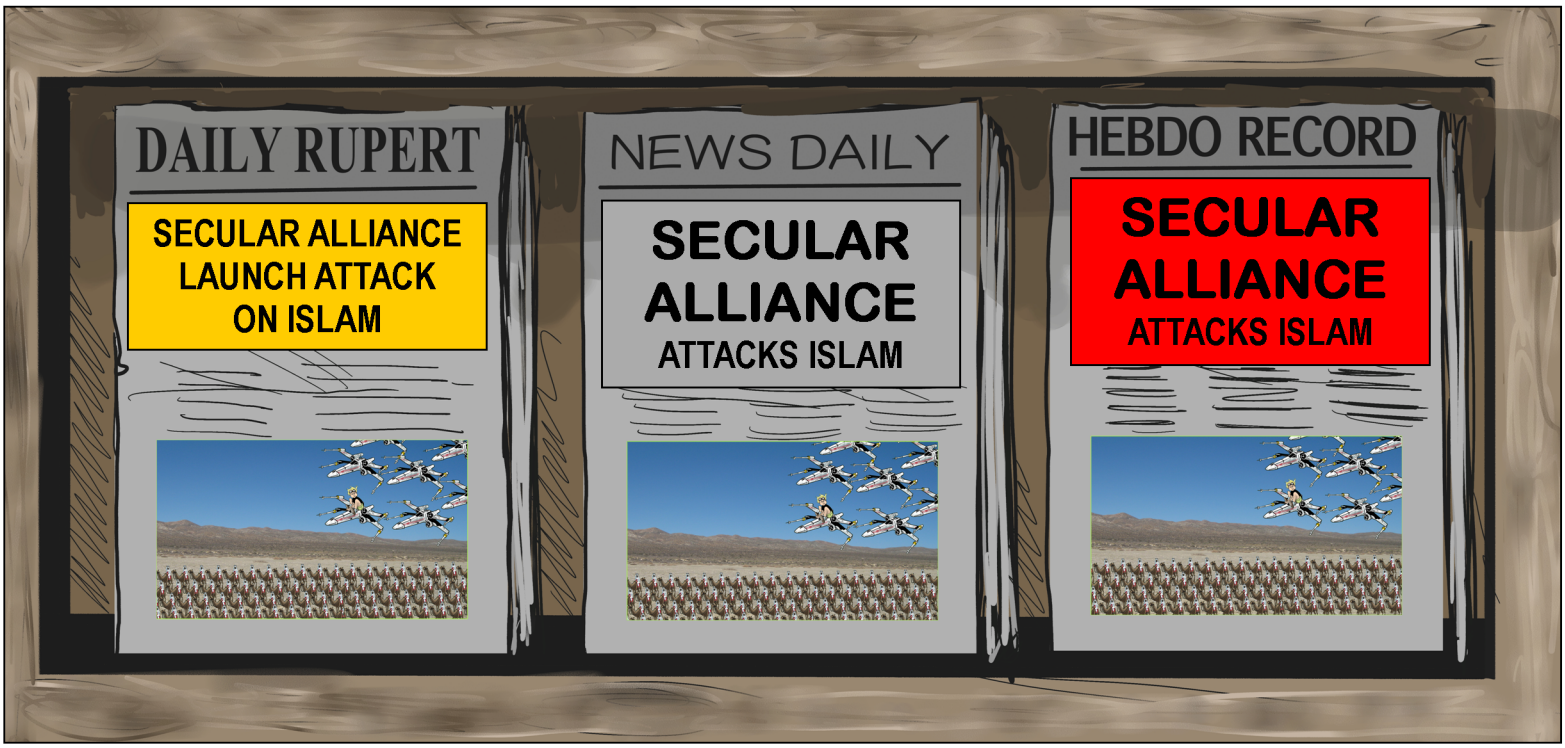
I want you to round up a few believers too and kill them to prevent anyone questioning their faith
We'll start with the poets and singers that took the piss out of you while you were away on planet Hebdo


I've commanded as Allan instructed, I'm going to defrost Owned Jones from his carbonite and break his cherry. I don't want to be disturbed
Oh Moe, Allan will be proud of you


I hope you appreciate that I travelled to the far side of the Galaxy to buy you?
I thought Islam ended slavery?
LOL, Islam is SLAVERY you dumb ass. You've been a useful idiot so long you're brainwashed with that bullshit

I want you to trick the Secular Alliance into attacking Muslamabad, provoking a war so we have plenty of headlines and don't have to print stories about all the convicted grooming gangs
Yes Master


Admiral Bush has confirmed that the Muslamic hoards have WMD and are preparing to launch them. Obliterate them guys!!!!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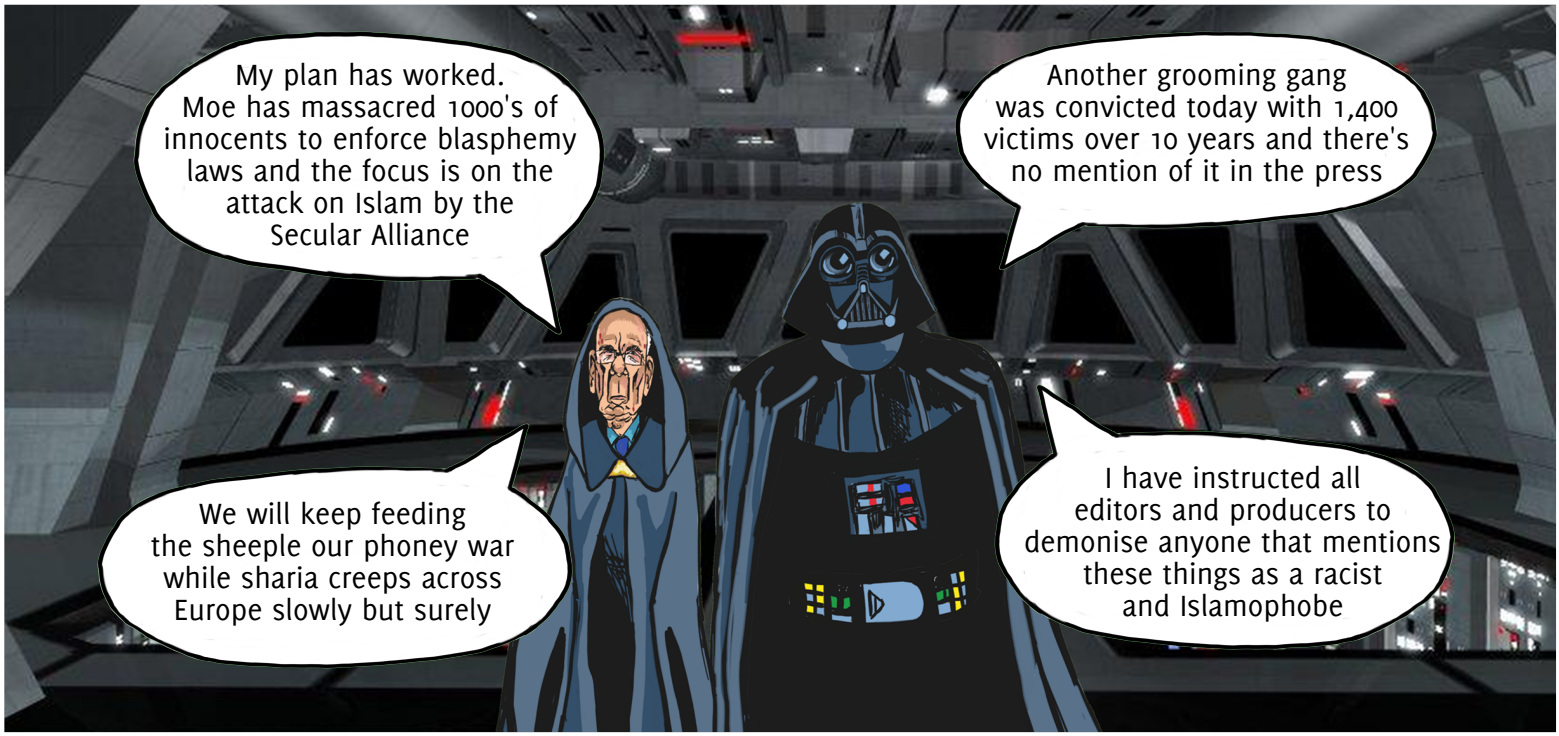

Don't miss episode six of Speech Wars, where the Secular Alliance, tired of Emperor Murdoch's censorship and attempts to pervert the truth, launch an assault on his Death Star, to once and for all break his stranglehold on the main stream media.

SPEECH WARS

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The 'Islamophobia' Scam Returns by Robert Spencer

In recent weeks, the terror group calling itself the Islamic State (aka ISIS and ISIL) has beheaded journalists and social workers, burned a pilot alive, and forced hundreds of captive women into sex slavery — all while citing Islamic texts to justify their actions and appeal for new recruits. A Muslim in the latest Islamic State beheading video cited two Qur'an verses (8:12 and 47:4) to refute "those who say [beheading] is cruel." In New York Wednesday, a Muslim was found guilty of plotting to bomb the New York subway system. The previous day in London, a woman from Nigeria pleaded for asylum, as she faces certain death if she returns to her homeland: an Islamic court has sentenced her to die for being a lesbian.

All this and a great deal more like it — a daily horror show of jihad attacks and plots, boasts of coming catastrophic attacks in the West, declarations of imminent conquest, and more, all carried out by people claiming to represent the truest and purest form of Islam — is why, according to a poll released last summer, only twenty-seven percent of Americans have a favourable view of Muslims. Yet as far as the hard-Left Center for American Progress (CAP) is concerned, people aren't suspicious of Muslims and Islam because of jihad terror and Islamic supremacism, but because of "the efforts of a small cadre of funders and misinformation experts" which were "amplified by an echo chamber of the religious right, conservative media, grassroots organizations, and politicians who sought to introduce a fringe perspective on American Muslims into the public discourse."

This claim appears in the CAP's new edition of its "Islamophobia" report, "Fear, Inc. 2.0: The Islamophobia Network's Efforts to Manufacture Hate in America," by Matthew Duss, Yasmine Taeb, Ken Gude, and Ken Sofer. It might seem to be peculiarly tone-deaf of the CAP to release this report while the Islamic State is horrifying the world and attacks by lone jihadis (and regular threats that more are on the way) are becoming more frequent in the West, but that is most likely why they felt they had to release it now: with reality threatening to break through their fog of disinformation, they have to pour on more dry ice.

It wasn't accidental that Hitler's Reich had an entire Ministry of Propaganda: lying to the public is a major job, as the cleverest of propaganda constructs is always threatened by the simple facts. CAP is trying to compel non-Muslims to disregard what they see every day — Muslims committing violence against non-Muslims and justifying it by referring to Islamic texts — and instead embrace a fictional construct: Islam is the religion of peace and tolerance. This takes a relentless barrage of propaganda, and "Fear, Inc. 2.0" is just the latest in a steady stream from CAP and its allies, which are exponentially wealthier and better-funded than the groups CAP vilifies in this report.

"Fear, Inc. 2.0" is filled with assertions that white is black, and that your lying eyes are deceiving you. We're told that I myself am "the primary driver in promoting the myth that peaceful Islam is nonexistent and that violent extremism is inherent within traditional Islam." CAP doesn't offer any evidence for this being a "myth" — it doesn't have to, as its Leftist constituency takes that as self-evident.

But CAP flatters me, as it flatters all of us named in "Fear, Inc. 2.0," simply by suggesting that we have such persuasive power that we can create a nationwide climate of hate and fear against Muslims. I cannot accept their proffered honour of being the "primary driver in promoting the myth that peaceful Islam is nonexistent." Innumerable others have noted the same reality, including Imran Ahsan Khan Nyazee, Assistant Professor on the Faculty of Shari'ah and Law of the International Islamic University in Islamabad. In his 1994 book The Methodology of Ijtihad, he quotes the twelfth century Maliki jurist Ibn Rushd: "Muslim jurists agreed that the purpose of fighting with the People of the Book...is one of two things: it is either their conversion to Islam or the payment of jizyah." Nyazee concludes: "This leaves no doubt that the primary goal of the Muslim community, in the eyes of its jurists, is to spread the word of Allah through jihad, and the option of poll-tax [jizya] is to be exercised only after subjugation" of non-Muslims.

But neither Nyazee nor Ibn Rushd are prominent enough to claim the role of "primary driver in

nonexistent." How about the Ayatollah Khomeini, who said: "There are hundreds of other [Qur'anic] psalms and Hadiths [sayings of the Prophet] urging Muslims to value war and to fight. Does all this mean that Islam is a religion that prevents men from waging war? I spit upon those foolish souls who make such a claim." Better yet, how about Muhammad himself, who is depicted in a hadith saying: "I have been commanded to fight against people, till they testify to the fact that there is no god but Allah, and believe in me (that) I am the messenger (from the Lord) and in all that I have brought." (Bukhari 1.31).

Another "don't believe your lying eyes" moment in "Fear, Inc. 2.0" occurs when the report charges the David Horowitz Freedom Center with promoting "the myth that Muslim extremists infiltrated an array of political organizations on both the left and the right." How about the White House? In December 2012, while the Muslim Brotherhood was still in power in Egypt, the Egyptian magazine Rose El-Youssef boasted that Brotherhood infiltrators in the Obama Administration had changed American policy "from a position hostile to Islamic groups and organizations in the world to the largest and most important supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood."

It may have been an empty boast, but that would be hard to prove in light of Barack Obama's foreign policy. Similarly, the CAP report claims (quoting Nathan Brown, a George Washington University professor) that the notorious captured internal Muslim Brotherhood document detailing U.S. Muslim groups' strategy to work toward "eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within, and sabotaging its miserable house" was "the daydream of one enthusiast." Brown doesn't explain why a copy of this "daydream" turned up in the offices of the Holy Land Foundation (once the largest Islamic charity in the United States, shut down for funding Hamas) years after it was first written, but an even more telling indication that Brown and CAP are the enthusiasts doing the daydreaming when they dismiss this report is the fact that the Council on American-Islamic Relations and other Muslim groups work indefatigably to oppose virtually every counter-terror measure that has ever been proposed or implemented. Stigmatizing defense against the jihad threat as "bigotry" isn't trying to "sabotage its miserable house"? Pull my other leg.

I hope the next CAP report will focus on how the "Islamophobes" are so devastatingly effective that they have even been able to infiltrate mosques and Islamic schools, so as to convince young Muslims that the Islamic State is authentically Islamic and has a claim on their loyalties: over 20,000 foreign Muslims have now travelled from all over the world to join the Islamic State, indicating either that imams and other Muslim authorities are singularly failing to communicate to all too many young Muslims the true, peaceful Islam that CAP will charge you with "hatred" and "bigotry" for not believing exists, or that the "Islamophobes" have a reach far greater than Matthew Duss, Yasmine Taeb, Ken Gude, and Ken Sofer ever imagined even in their worst fever dreams.

I also hope that new CAP report will address motive. Nowhere does "Fear, Inc. 2.0" explain why these fiendish "Islamophobes" would care to devote their lives to spreading hatred and fear of a noble, oppressed minority group. Apparently they want us to believe that it's for the money, but since CAP's budget is so very much larger than those of all the "Islamophobic" groups combined, if money is all it's about then the "Islamophobes" would be well-advised to run up the white flag and pick up a copy of How to Get Rich By Betraying One's Friends and Principles, by David Brock. So is it racism? Then where are the supposedly well-organized, well-heeled groups of smear and fear merchants who are dedicating their time to vilifying Hindus, or Buddhists, or Mormons, or Hard-Shell Baptists?

The effect, intended or not, of the CAP report and others like it is clear enough. When CAP and its cohorts smear those who speak out against jihad and Islamic supremacism as "bigots" and "hatemongers," they intimidate others into backtracking, apologizing, and looking the other way when they should instead be pressing the Muslim community to address the jihad problem realistically and back up its pro-forma condemnations of terrorism with honest work against the Islamic teachings that jihadists use to justify terror.

The perfect world for the likes of Matthew Duss, Yasmine Taeb, Ken Gude, Ken Sofer and other Islamophobia-mongers would be one in which no one speaks up against jihad violence and Islamic supremacism: they have never, ever seen a counter-jihadist for whom they had any positive words. This would render the U.S. and the West in general mute and hence defenceless before the advancing jihad. As the blood and chaos spreads, will Duss and his cohorts stand up and take a bow?

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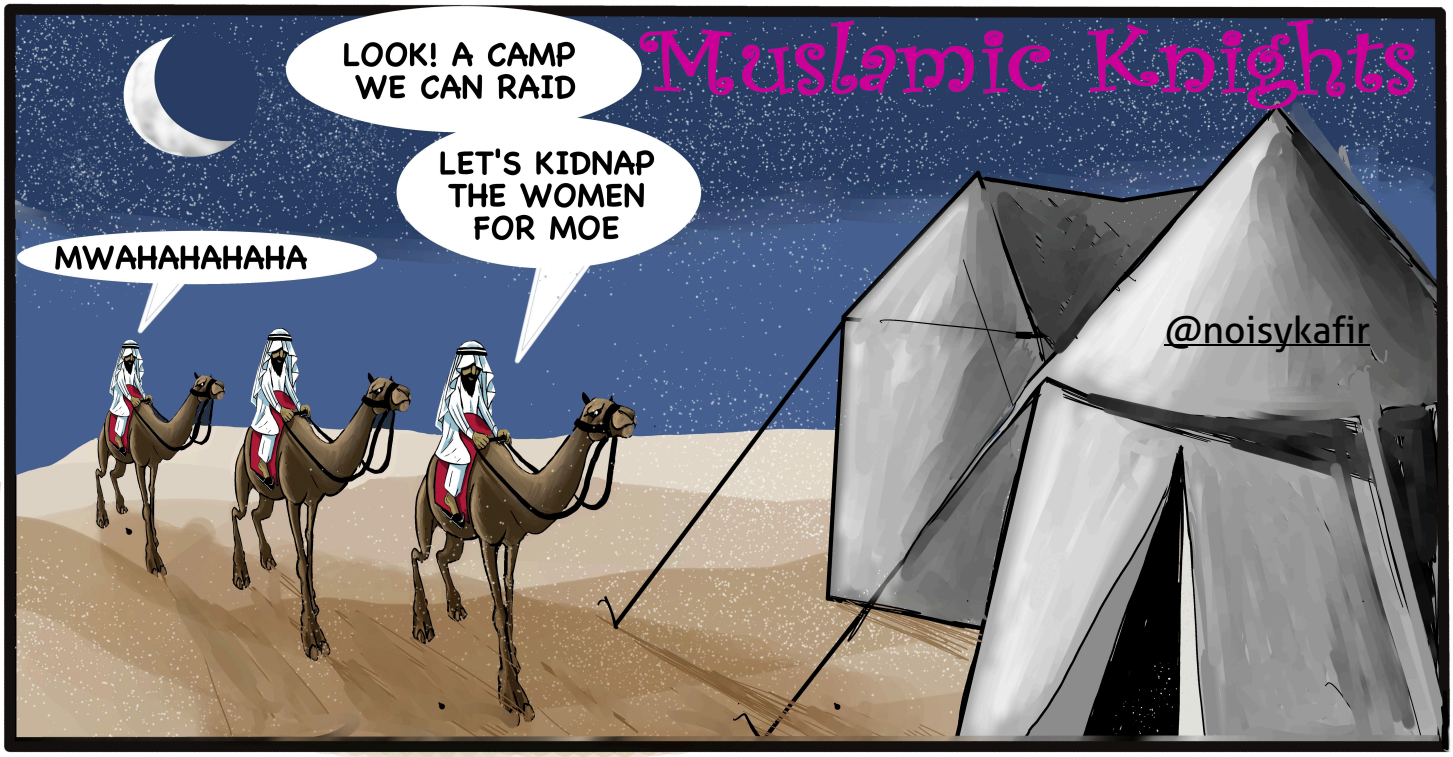
JIHADIST JOOOO

Inthecomingweekswewillbetravellingbackthroughhistorytore-examine the causes of major events.

Documents recently discovered in the Muslamic Academy of History, claim Jews have been behind all the major catastrophes throughout human history. Shape shifting Jews turned into rats and created the bubonic plague, they also turned into freedom fighters, funding and training ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Boko Haram and Hamas.

Not only can sneaky Jews shape shift, they are also experts in Jew Jitsu and come armed to the teeth with a deadly Zionist ray gun that can cause earthquakes, tsunamis, flood, drought and volcanoes to erupt.


Muslamic Knights
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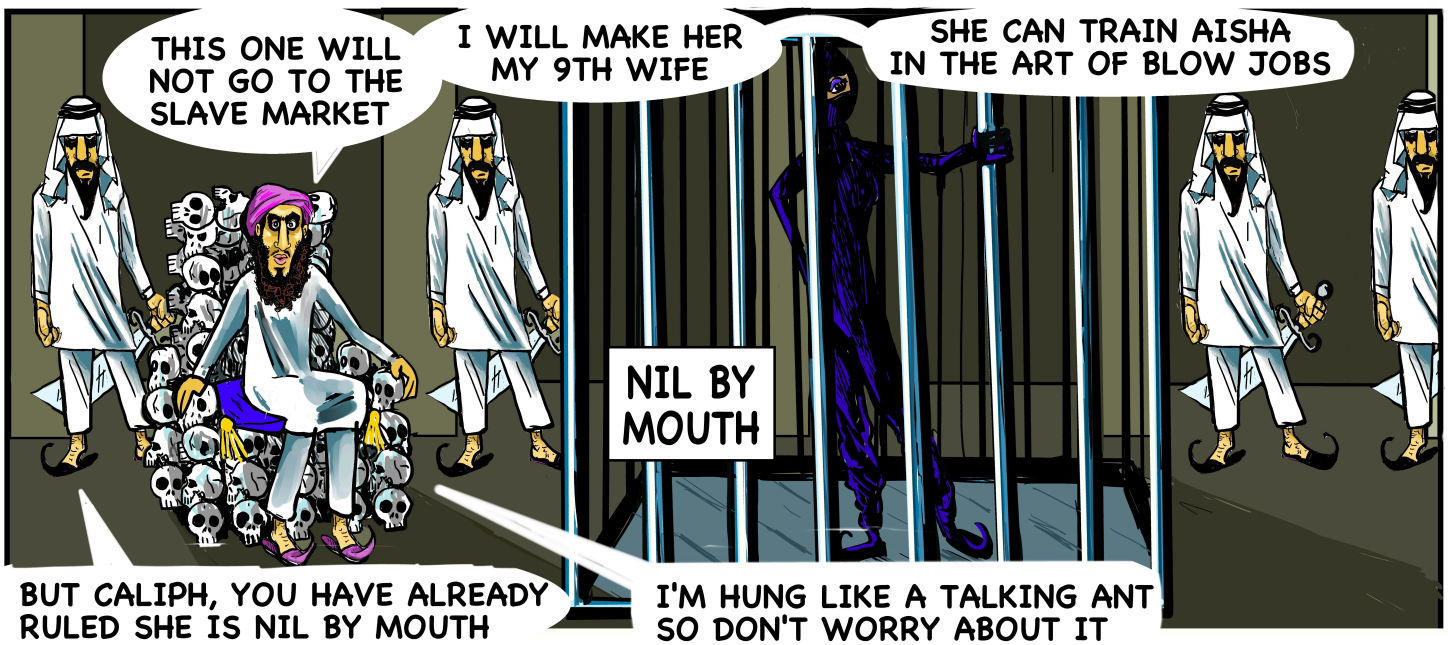
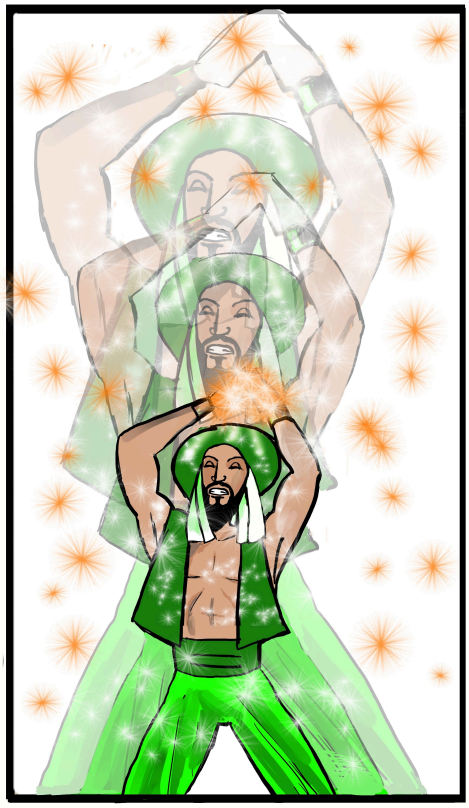
LET'S KIDNAP THE WOMEN FOR MOE
MWAHAHAHAHA
@noisykafir


THIS ONE WILL NOT GO TO THE SLAVE MARKET
I WILL MAKE HER MY 9TH WIFE
SHE CAN TRAIN AISHA IN THE ART OF BLOW JOBS
NIL BY MOUTH
BUT CALIPH, YOU HAVE ALREADY RULED SHE IS NIL BY MOUTH
I'M HUNG LIKE A TALKING ANT SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT

WHERE IS THE PRINCESS?
I DON'T KNOW

LOOK! THESE ANTS ARE TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING

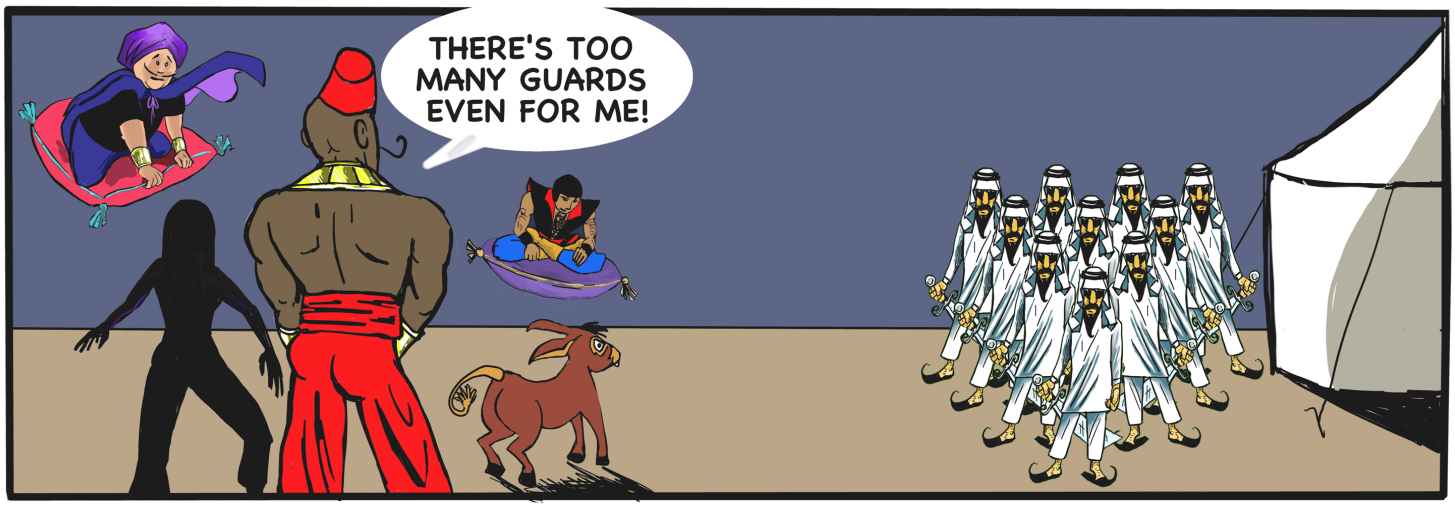
SIZE OF A TALKING ANT!



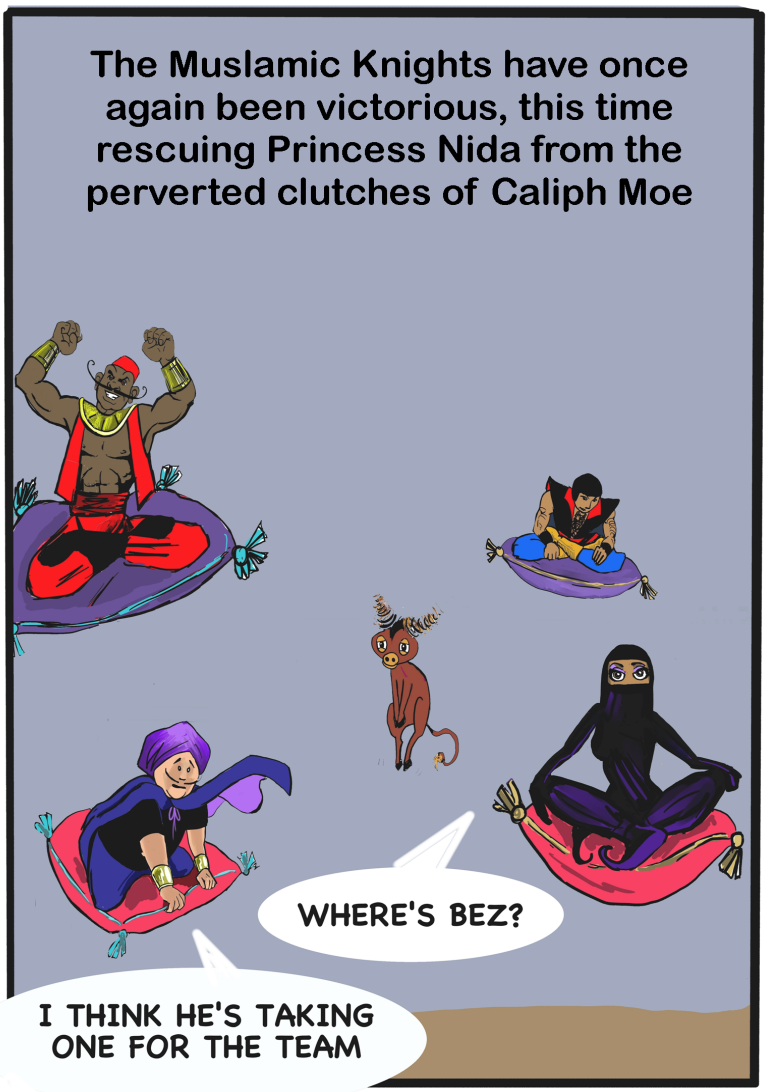
THE JIHADI KNIGHTS TOOK HER TO MOE'S PALACE
THEY PLAN TO SELL HER AT THE SLAVE MARKET

WE MUST GO AND SAVE HER! TO MOE'S PALACE!

WE NEED A DIVERSION SO WE CAN BREAK HER FREE
I HAVE AN IDEA
SIZE OF A SEXY GOAT!
OH, A SEXY GOAT!
JUST WHAT THE CALIPH NEEDS BEFORE FRIDAY PRAYERS
NIL BY MOUTH
FEAR NOT PRINCESS, WE WON'T LET THAT FILTHY PAEDO HAVE YOU
WE MUST RESCUE AISHA TOO, SHE'S HIS 6-YEAR-OLD SEX SLAVE


THERE'S TOO MANY GUARDS EVEN FOR ME!

WATCH THIS


The Muslamic Knights have once again been victorious, this time rescuing Princess Nida from the perverted clutches of Caliph Moe
WHERE'S BEZ?
I THINK HE'S TAKING ONE FOR THE TEAM

I'M ACTUALLY ENJOYING THIS!

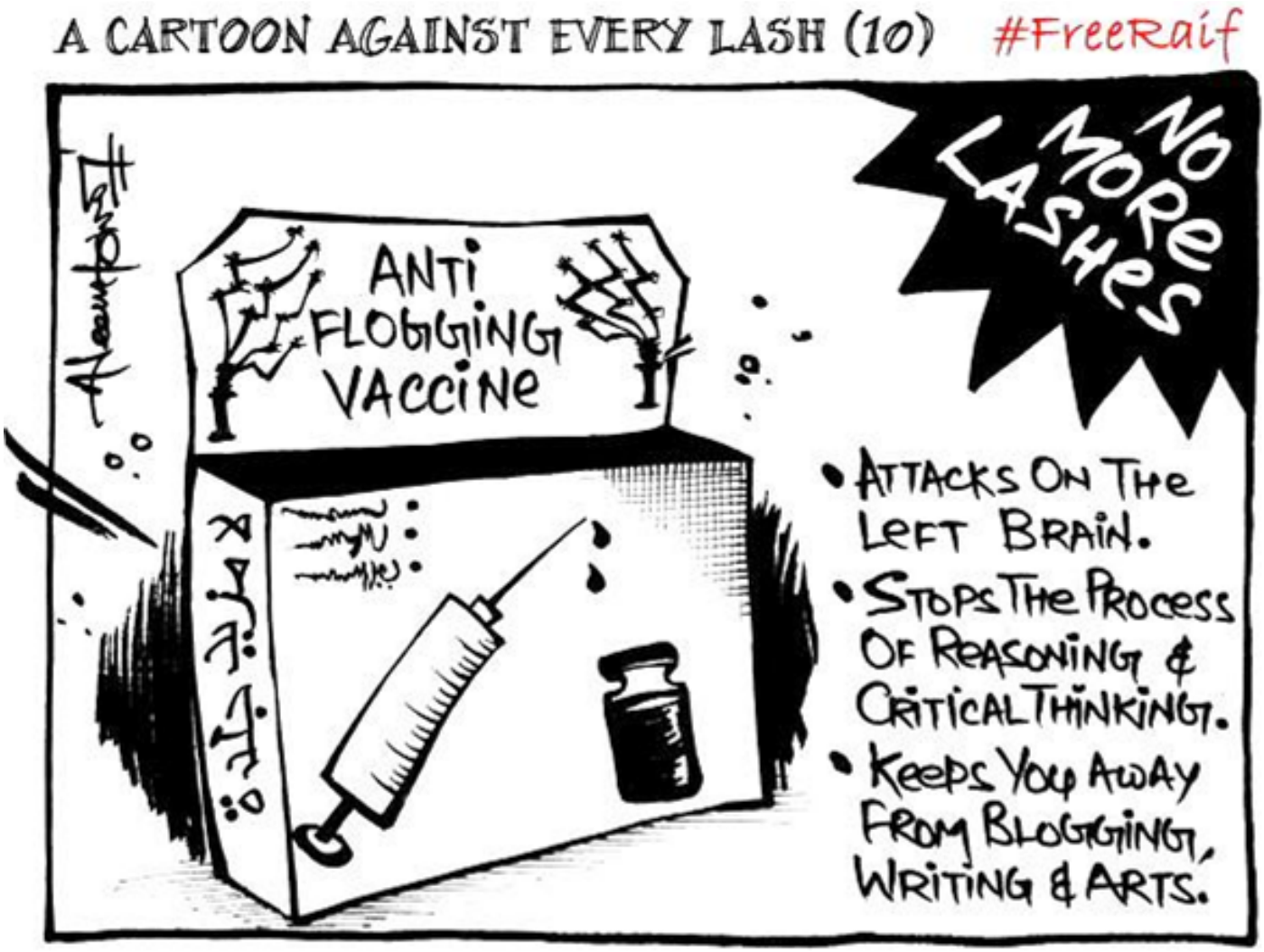
FREE RAIF BADAWI

Raif Badawi was arrested in 2012 on a charge of insulting Islam through electronic channels and brought to court on several charges including apostasy. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes for setting up a website that championed free speech in Saudi Arabia. His blog, the Saudi Free Liberals Forum, was shut down after his arrest in 2012.

The first 50 were administered on January 9, 2015. He has had his weekly lashes delayed for an eighth consecutive week.

It has been reported that Raif may face a retrial and could be facing the death penalty for apostasy, so we must keep up the pressure.

Amnesty International has a petition with over a million signatures already added. We encourage all our readers to sign this petition by clicking HERE



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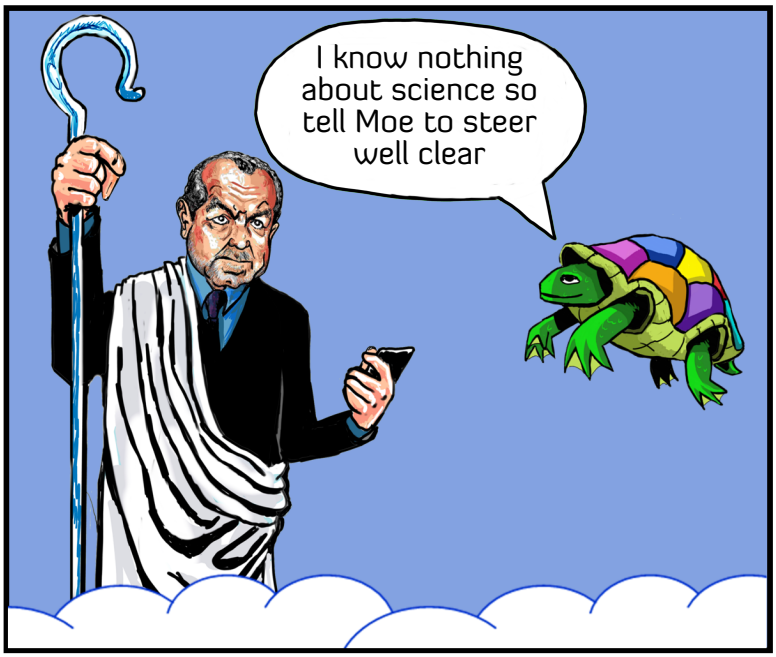
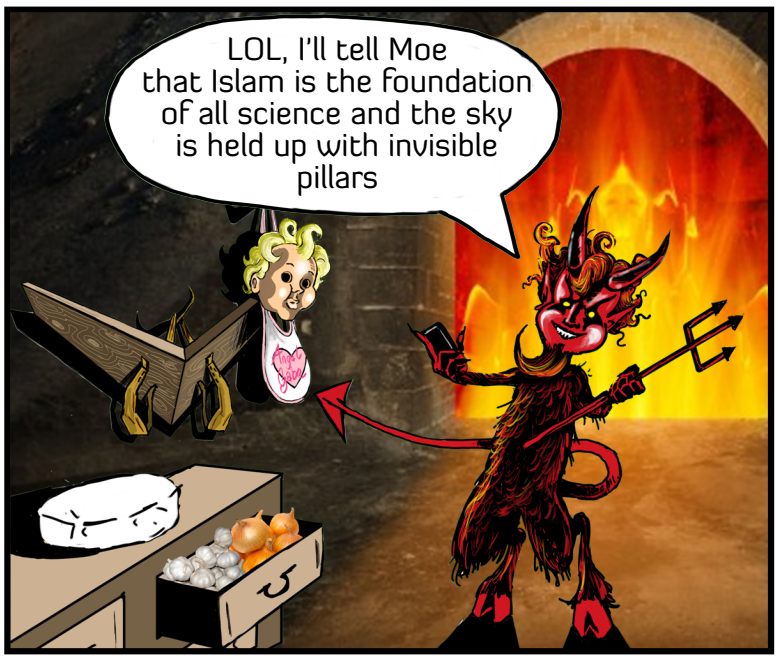
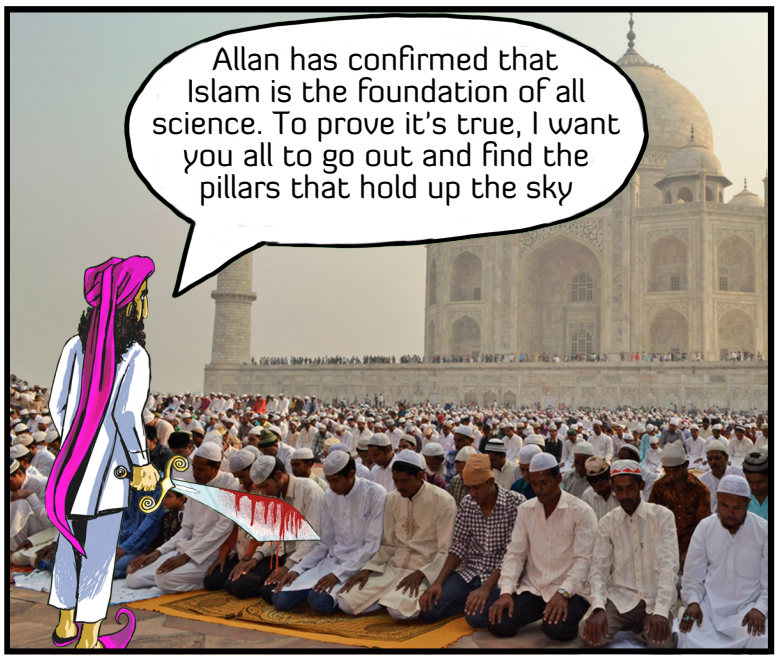
Muslamic Whispers







HALAL

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Halal butchery has been in the British media twice this year. On the third of February, we were shown horrifying undercover video of sheep being frightened, taunted, struck on the head and generally abused in the halal slaughterhouse, Bowood Lamb Abbatoir, in Yorkshire. Two weeks later, in Manchester, a man was arrested for 'racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage' for sticking labels onto halal meat which read "Beware. Halal is barbaric and funds terrorism." We could question how much 'criminal damage' could be done by stickers, but, more importantly, we might want to know whether his claims were correct.

Is halal butchery barbaric? The abuse of sheep in Bowood Lamb Abbattoir is contrary to Muslim regulations, which require animals to be treated with respect and killed with a single knife stroke, allowing the blood to drain from the animal. However, the British Veterinary Association and the RSPCA both say that this causes suffering unless an animal is stunned beforehand. Some of the stricter halal organisations forbid stunning and a 1979 act which made stunning a requirement exempted halal and kosher butchery. A 2012 Food Standards Agency Report reveals that at least 90% of animals are stunned before their throats are cut which leaves up to 10% who are conscious throughout. The government has no plans to subject religious butchery to the same requirements as the secular.

The second claim of the Mancunian labeller was that halal butchery supports terrorism. Sharia Watch, an organisation launched in the House of Lords in 2014, investigated halal authenticating bodies and found American and Canadian organisations to pay a percentage to The Islamic Society of North America which has links to Hamas. French bodies fund the Union of the Islamic Organisation in France which is connected to the Muslim Brotherhood. In the UK, halal certification comes from the Muslim Food Board (among others) which is affiliated with the Muslim Law (Sharia) Council UK. Sharia courts in the UK are notorious for rulings which endanger and disadvantage Muslim women who feel a religious obligation to obey. Women's testimony has been considered of lesser value than men's and women have been required to stay with violent husbands and

That halal butchery causes suffering even to a minority of animals and that any funding should go to Sharia courts do seem like matters of concern to animal rights activists and feminists and yet protests have been small. This becomes even more surprising when we learn that up to 15% of meat in the UK is from halal slaughterhouses even though Muslims only make up 5% of the population. This would seem to indicate that up to 2/3rds of halal meat is being eaten by non-Muslims who are not bound by halal dietary requirements and could therefore freely boycott halal meat and considerably reduce the number of animals slaughtered without stunning and the contributions to Sharia courts. The reason that this is not happening may be due, in part, to the fact that halal meat is served without being labelled.

In 2010, the Daily Mail, in typically sensational style, ran a story entitled, "Britain Goes Halal... but No-one Tells the Public: How Famous Institutions Serve Ritually Slaughtered Meat with No Warning," informing us that schools, hospitals, pubs and sporting venues serve halal meat without labelling. This was supported by the Guardian which provided evidence that KFC, Nando's, Subway and Pizza Express were serving halal meat in this way, and Sharia Watch, which revealed that three quarters of schools in the London Borough of Waltham Forest were serving halal meat to all. Philip Davies, the MP for Shipley, pointed out that "What we've seen in far too many cases is people unwittingly buying a product that they don't want to buy. That's not acceptable."

A common explanation for the serving of halal meat to non-Muslims is that it is simply easier and cheaper for restaurants, schools and hospitals to buy and provide one kind of meat which will be acceptable to everybody than to buy separate meat for Muslims. However, this assumes that halal meat is acceptable to everybody or that secular concerns about animal cruelty and women's rights are less important than religious dietary requirements. Yet again, we see Britain privileging religious values over secular ones. We see this in halal and kosher butchery being exempt from the 1979 law requiring stunning and in the hidden serving of halal meat to non-Muslims happening now.

It is troubling that this should happen in the UK in which a majority of people identify as Christian or non-religious. The physicist, Lawrence Krauss, was speaking of gender segregation in universities when he described as 'a very serious problem' Britain's acceptance of Muslim cultural norms being carried out within a broader society that does not share them . However, Professor Krauss's assertion that "People are not only afraid to offend, but afraid to offend a vocal and aggressive group of people" can certainly be applied more widely. Britain does have both a fear of offending cultural sensitivities and a fear of the consequences of angering Muslims.

These cultural sensitivities are very sensitive. We saw the fear of offending when concerns about being considered racist or Islamophobic prevented the police and social services from acting upon reports of a paedophile ring of Pakistani heritage men operating in Rotherham for sixteen years. We saw it when Eric Pickles was accused of acting like the far right when he said that Muslims had more work to do to condemn extremist violence. When Channel, the government initiative to 'protect vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism" revealed its intention to monitor young people describing "political systems and countries as 'Kufr' or anti-Islamic, and expressing the need to replace them with 'The Islamic system', or Caliphate," it was accused of making "ambiguous generalisations' that would 'inflame community tensions' by the Islamic Human rights committee. I'd suggest it is hard to see such an attitude as ambiguous. This tendency to interpret concerns about issues within British Islam as bigotry has already been seen in relation to halal butchery.

Chris Allen, adviser to the government on anti-Muslim hate, expressed this view, "Here's a controversial statement: the recent anti-halal hysteria has nothing to do with the welfare of animals. It's just good old-fashioned Islamophobia."

The fear of Muslim anger is also very evident. We have seen louder and more visible protests by Muslims against aspects of British society which do not conform to Muslim values including satirical cartoons and films, freedom of speech and the sale of alcohol. This has been most noticeable, as Lawrence Krauss observed, in universities which have often submitted to it. London Metropolitan University banned the saleof alcohol on campus for Muslims in 2012 and Terry Sanderson, president of the National Secular Society, raised concerns about the dominance of Islamic groups in universities as early as 2008, commenting that: "By constantly pandering to the demands of noisy religious extremists, the Government has allowed them to dominate debate on Islam on campuses." Tashbih Sayyed, editor-in-chief of Muslim World Today has expressed concerns that the world more widely "has grown increasingly fearful of Muslim rage." "Political Islam," Sayyed continues "has been allowed to establish itself into a position from where it can manipulate the host country's social and political systems to its advantage... Political Islam's disabling fear has already deprived the West of its ability to stand up and defend its values."

Surely, this is an exaggeration in this context, though? What do we really have to fear from holding halal butchery to the same laws as non-halal butchers and labelling meat properly to enable non-Muslims to avoid buying it and considerably reduce no-stun slaughter and contributions to Muslim Law courts? Perhaps some essays about Islamophobia, offended Islamic organisations and a march or two with banners? No. The fear of Islam is ultimately the fear of violence and responsible for instilling this fear into British people and government, are Muslim organisations themselves. Only last week, the research director of CAGE, Asim Qureshi, informed us that 'Jihadi John' was radicalised by Britain. Contradicting Sayyed's concerns that political Islam is manipulating social and political systems, Qureshi insisted that Emwazi "desperately wanted to use the system to change his situation, but the system ultimately rejected him."

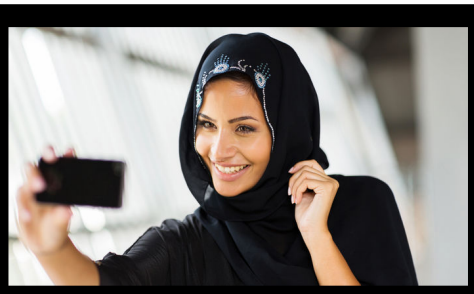
Britain, we are told, is responsible for adapting its systems to the requirements of its Muslims even if this imposes itself on non-Muslims. Failure to do so will result in anything from polemical writing to protests to local violence to the beheading of Western journalists and aid workers in Syria. Perhaps, we should not be surprised that the UK government is willing to sacrifice animal rights and women's rights to avoid annoying or offending its Muslim population, but let us not pretend that this is not happening.

Fatwa of the week with Imam Tomeh

Women

Former Pakistani lawmaker and cleric Maulana Abdul Haleem recently issued a fatwa against secular education and justifying honor killings of women. The fatwa was issued in a sermon during a weekly Friday prayer in Kohistan district in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Haleem also threatened that women from secular NGOs who visit Kohistan district may be married off forcibly to local men.

In a similar incident, a cleric announced a fatwa in a mosque in Noshki town of Pakistan's Baluchistan province, justifying acid attacks on women who use cell phones.



JIHAD-E-BAY

PRETTY BOYS SECTION

Little Asif goes on open auction today. His father is selling him to raise money to buy a new AK47, a second hand RPG and a set of beheading knives.

Lovely Jamil is being auctioned because his father was thinking of another woman when he was conceived, which means he will turn out to be gay.

CJ is desperate for attention and new friends after being exposed as a plagiarist. He is even prepared to sell his arse to a Muslamic deviant.

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"Islamophobia": an absurd term

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Islam: A monotheistic and Abrahamic religion articulated by the Qur'an and considered by many of its adherents to be the verbatim word of Allah; it is also comprised of prophetic traditions (or Hadith) of Muhammad (c. 570–8 June 632 CE), considered by most Muslims to be the last prophet of God.

Phobia: An extremely irrational fear or dislike of something.

I lay out these definitions for my reader so that they may understand the surrounding context of what I will now attempt to articulate.

The term Islamophobia is one which has really shaken up society, from both a free speech perspective and also in terms of many people's attitudes to racial and religious discrimination.

Islamophobia is a term which has sought, perhaps, to describe people who are hateful towards Muslims as people yet it has unfortunately come to describe those who are merely critical of the Islamic faith, or who openly refuse to adopt Islamic principles. It has also sought parity with the term anti-Semitism.

The questions I would ask my kind reader are as follows: Is Islamophobia a useful term? Is Islamophobia comparable to anti-Semitism? Is it racist to criticise Islam?

An inaccurate word

Have you ever heard of Christianophobia, or Hindiphobia, or Atheistophobia?

Of course you haven't. Based on the definitions I have given above, I would have thought it quite obvious that we therefore need to ask ourselves if the term Islamophobia is really necessary at all.

Not only as an atheist, but also as a critic of all religions, it is fair to say I am fairly critical of Islam, and that I have personally concluded that as a way of living Islam is rather awful. Does this make me "Islamophobic"?

I have friends who are Muslims, I take my shoes off when entering a mosque, and I have certainly never stopped any Muslim from practising their faith. And although I take major exception to the acts of extremism carried out by some of Islam's followers, such as the Charlie Hebdo attacks, it would be very stupid of me to judge all Muslims on the basis of its extremists, or even just on the basis of some Muslims whose opinions might differ from my own. Does this still make me "Islamophobic"? I should think not.

Why? Because a phobia is a fear or dislike based on irrationality. My dislike of Islam, as a set of ideas, comes from the rational decisions and judgments I have made after understanding Islam itself, and this dislike of mine is not groundless or illusory.

Islamophobia is not equivalent to the term anti-Semitism, which is distinctly about hatred and persecution of the Jewish community as a racial or religious group – not about dislike of Judaism as a set of ideas.

There may well be a social issue of 'anti-Muslim' sentiment and behaviour as there is clearly a social stigma in some quarters towards Muslims as a people, exploited by groups like the English Defence League and Britain First. But the undeniable existence of anti-Muslim sentiment and behaviour still does not give the term Islamophobia any credibility.

An unnecessary word

One of the most toxic absurdities this word has produced is that it has conflated criticism of a religion with racism, and this conflation has been made especially by far-left political groups.

One of the freedoms of a democratic society is the freedom of speech and expression, which most certainly includes the freedom to criticise religion. That some people may find this criticism offensive or insulting is an irrelevance.

However, because freedom of speech is subject to certain legitimate restrictions (such as defamation and incitement of violence), what is important is that

and incitement of violence), what is important is that we are clear as to what religion and race are.

This might seem like a very obvious difference, but the unfortunate conflation of race and religion has made it clear that this distinction must be emphasised.

Putting it simply, religion is a set of beliefs concerning the cause, nature and purpose of the universe, usually by means of a God(s), whereas race is a social concept based on physical characteristics of groups of people, usually by their skin colour or their nationality. So the obvious difference between the two is that one is a choice and the other is not. And if I have to specify which one is the choice and which one is not, stop reading my article, stop licking windows, and return to school...please.

When we invoke the term Islamophobia we imply a taboo hatred not just towards Muslims but towards the religion of Islam itself, and this gives Islam pseudo-immunity from criticism. But in seeking to protect Muslims from social stigma and discrimination (even though shutting down criticism of Islam is primarily to the severe detriment of Muslims themselves), we also need to protect our own right to criticise ideas, including religion, which like all ideas must be open to criticism and scrutiny if we are to live in anything resembling a functioning democracy. If this stupid word Islamophobia is accepted, it automatically closes the door to critical thinking towards Islam as a religion.

A dangerous word

After the Charlie Hebdo attacks in Paris the world was united in solidarity with the victims. However, there were certain people who would not stand in solidarity with the victims because of the term Islamophobia.

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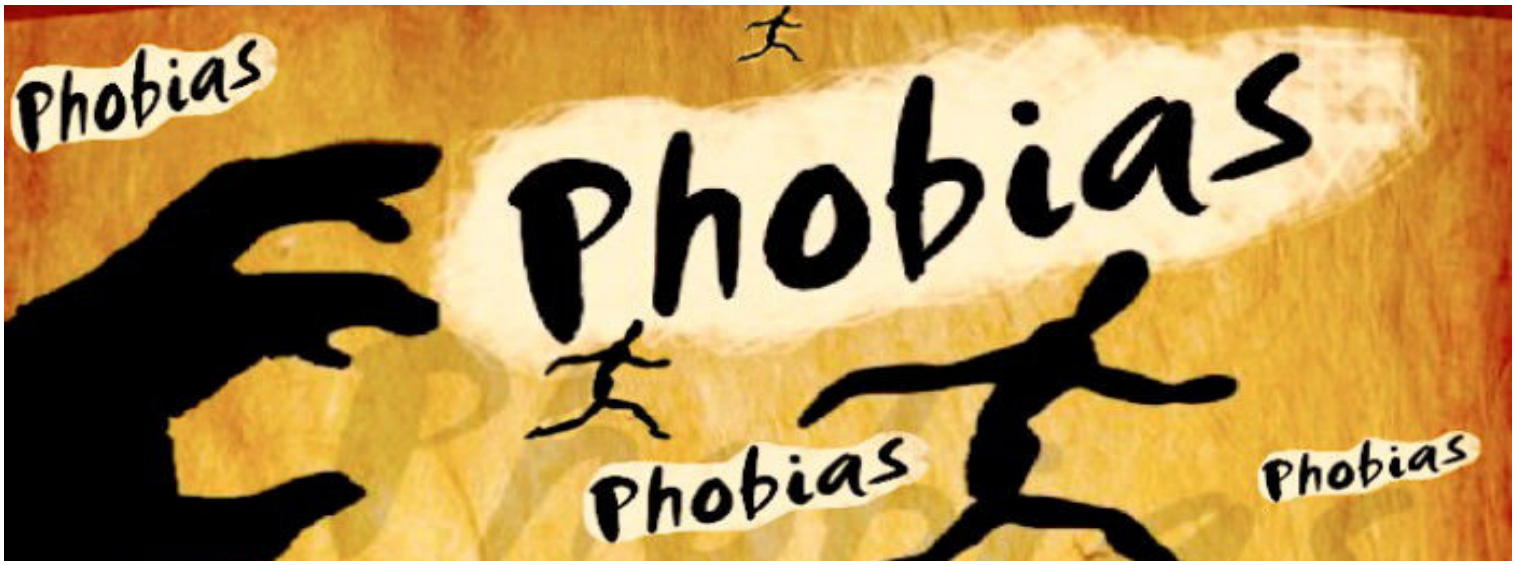
Alongside the slogan 'Je suis Charlie' were other groups arguing 'Je ne suis pas Charlie'. Although no-one can deny these counter protesters the right to say this, we can hold them to account. What they said was, in my opinion, highly contestable. For there are groups of people, both political and religious, who have said that Charlie Hebdo deserved the attacks or that free speech should stop at religion. The only solidarity such groups profess seems to be with the attackers.

It is partly thanks to the term Islamophobia that so many people have found themselves on the wrong side of such a crucial yet straightforward moral issue as the murder of cartoonists for drawing cartoons. Consequently, people are running scared from people who physically attack those who criticise religion. If this example is to be followed, does it now mean that everyone's religious belief is subject to the same immunity? I should hope that never happens. The freedoms of inquiry, philosophy and expression demand the ability to critique religion – all religions.

If there is something we need to change or to reconsider, it is this abhorrent termIslamophobia. That's not to say we shouldn't be in solidarity with Muslims who are being victimised by extremist groups; of course we should. It just means that their religion – Islam – should not receive the same protection we rightly afford to its followers. It means that Islam must not be immune from criticism. It is not racist to challenge a set of ideas.

So let's remove this word Islamophobia from our vocabularies and if need be, replace it with something which is far more suitable to democracy, such as 'anti-Muslim prejudice'.



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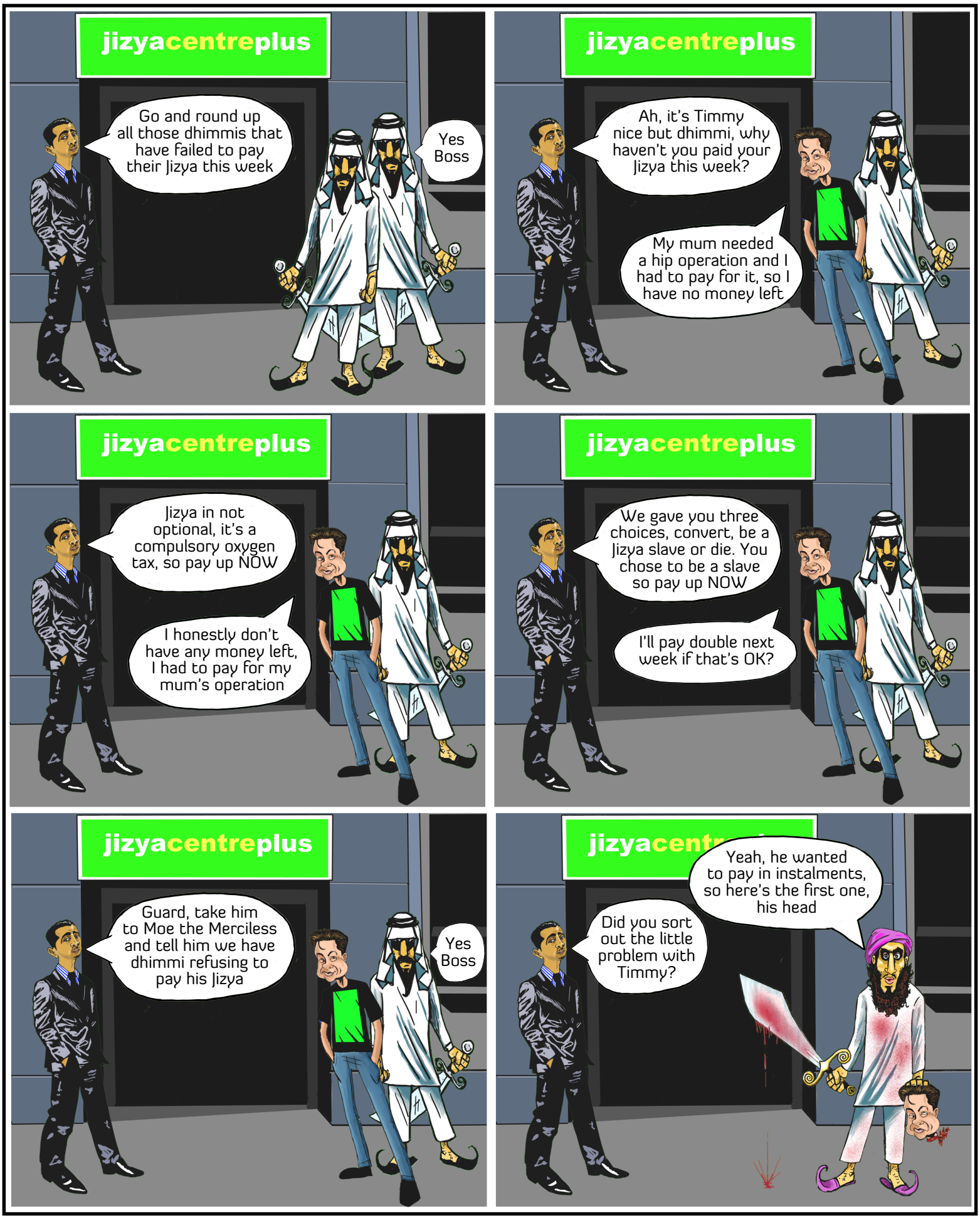
jizyacentreplus
Go and round up all those dhimmis that have failed to pay their Jizya this week
Yes Boss
jizyacentreplus
Ah, it's Timmy nice but dhimmi, why haven't you paid your Jizya this week?
My mum needed a hip operation and I had to pay for it, so I have no money left
jizyacentreplus
Jizya in not optional, it's a compulsory oxygen tax, so pay up NOW
I honestly don't have any money left, I had to pay for my mum's operation
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We gave you three choices, convert, be a Jizya slave or die. You chose to be a slave so pay up NOW
I'll pay double next week if that's OK?
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Guard, take him to Moe the Merciless and tell him we have dhimmi refusing to pay his Jizya
Yes Boss
jizyacentr
Did you sort out the little problem with Timmy?
Yeah, he wanted to pay in instalments, so here's the first one, his head

TOP TRUMPS

Yoda Harris

Yoda is the leader of the Secular Alliance in Speech Wars. What he lacks in height he makes up for in magical powers.

SPECIAL SKILL	Jedi mind trick	96
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Mini light saber	99
STRENGTH	Able to outwit Muslamic scholars	89
WEAKNESS	Allowed the worst Batman actor in history to talk over him on Bill Maher	25

Prophet Moe

Moe is the motorcycle messenger of the one true God, Allan. An illiterate pervert with a fetish for young girls and genocide.

SPECIAL SKILL	Genocide	98
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Sword	65
STRENGTH	Does whatever he wants and claims it's the word of God	91
WEAKNESS	Pedophilia	50

Ed Miliband

Ed is a parody of the character Wallace from Wallace and Gromit. Struggles to do the most basic things like talk and eat.

SPECIAL SKILL	Making a fool of himself in public	92
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Teleprompter	9
STRENGTH	Ignorant of the fact he is a laughing stock	99
WEAKNESS	Believes that one day he will Prime Minister	0

Barry Obama

Barry landed a top job as POTUS after being the village idiot in a small Kenyan village for most of his life.

SPECIAL SKILL	Golf	13
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Pitching wedge	25
STRENGTH	Bunker shots	80
WEAKNESS	Throws like a girl	2

Vive Charlie - Idiots Gallery

Green Party leader, Natalie Bennett, has proposed that Article Five of the UN Declaration of Human Rights should be extended to 'all sentient life forms'. Rodents are to be given the same rights as people and anyone killing, torturing or 'kidnapping' dolphins, whales, apes and elephants would be prosecuted for equivalent crimes committed against humans. Taxes on nappies, bans on horse racing and the creation of a fleet of hospital ships for the third world makes the Green Party a shock contender to win the General Election.

Leader of the Monster Raving Looney Party, Alan "Howling Laud" Hope, is said to be furious, claiming that a Green Party spy infiltrated their ranks and stole all their best ideas. "We thought it was a stroke of genius to give rodents full rights" said Hope. "We already have a party member in training as a pied piper, which would have secured the entire rodent vote".

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Whether you're black, white, yellow or brown. Male, female, gay, left wing, right wing, racist or stupid; You're a target.....

FERGUSON

The whole world watched the riots that occurred after the shooting of an unarmed black teenager by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, U.S.A. There were many peaceful protests along with violence and looting. President Barack Obama sent his Attorney General, Eric Holder, to Ferguson to determine if there was any racial bias in the town's police department. In the course of his investigation, Attorney General Holder uncovered evidence that the shooting of this black teen was not an isolated incident. Determined to get to the bottom of this, Holder interviewed the Commissioner of Police of the town of Ferguson. Thanks to hackers the transcript of this interview has been leaked online. Here is the conversation between Holder and the commissioner.

Holder: Case number 2015060237 describes the shooting of Snoquisha Jones by one of your Officers. She was unarmed. How do you explain this?

Commissioner: Ms. Jones drove her vehicle at the Officer. The Officer fearing for his life, shot at Ms. Jones, killing her. This had nothing to do with the fact that she was an African American.

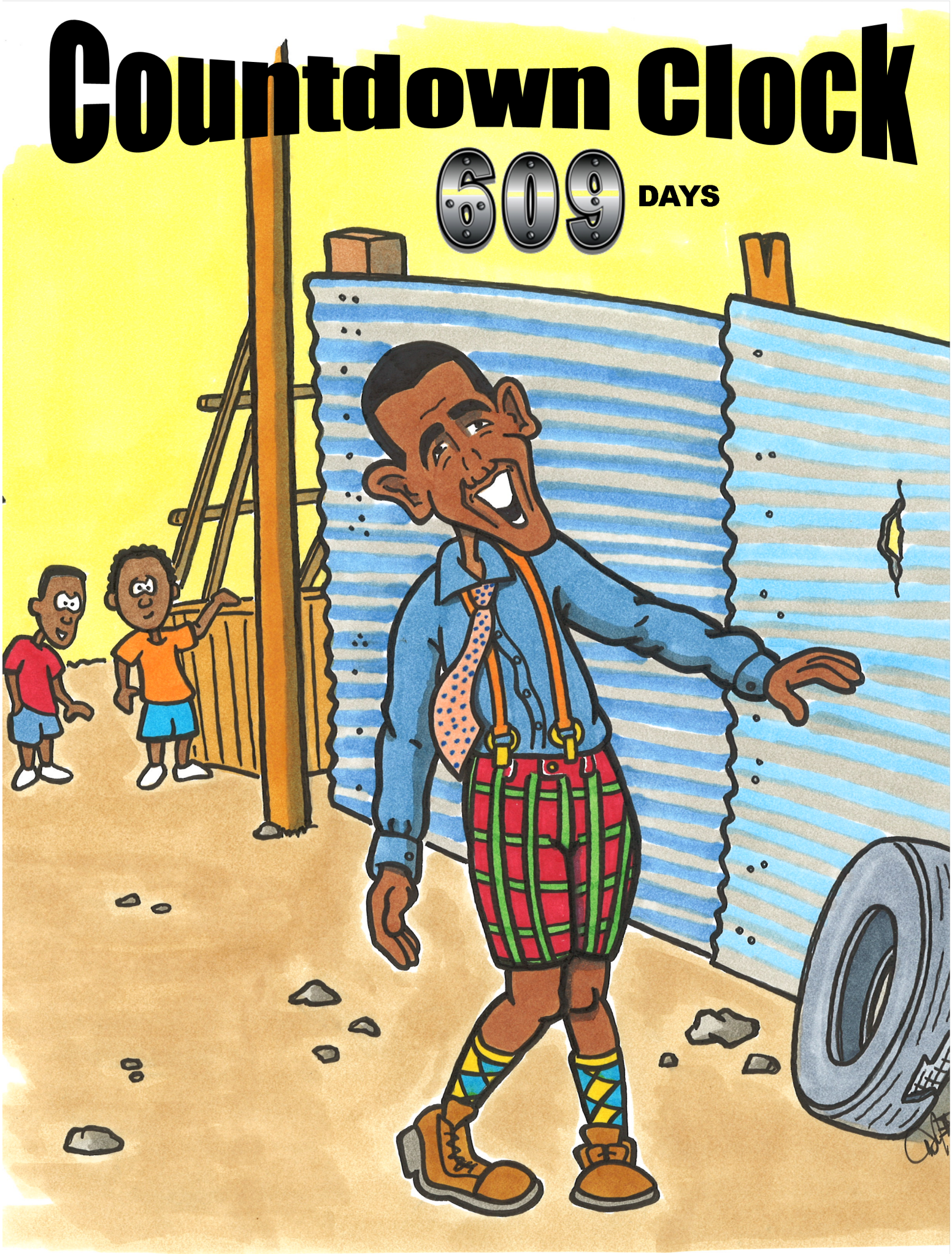
Holder: Very well. Case number 2015051527 states that an Officer of your department shot and killed Jamal Washington who was unarmed. Explain this.

Commissioner: Mr. Washington was suspected of robbery of a convenience store. When the Officers stopped him, he reached into his coat. The Officers believed he was reaching for a gun and, in fear for their lives, shot Mr. Washington. Again, completely justified and nothing to do with Mr. Washington being colored.

Holder: I'm sensing a pattern here but I'm sure you're not going to be able to explain this one away. Case 2015070401 in which a Mr. LeRoy Jefferson escaped from your custody and was found in the river, drowned. The interesting thing is that he was wrapped in chains which prevented him from swimming and directly caused his death. Explain this sir!

Commissioner: Ain't it just like a nigger to steal more chains than he can swim with?

Humor has a time and place but not in official documents. A recent probe found that police officials often made racial slurs, comments and jokes sent from their official police department email accounts to local court employees. The report also comes to the conclusion that Ferguson police officers also were more likely to arrest, stop and search, and target individuals that were African American or other races.



UNTIL A VILLAGE IN KENYA GETS ITS IDIOT BACK

ASSHOLE OF THE WEEK

CLIMATE CHANGE CAUSES TERRORISM

Sharia Robocop

The year is 2065 and Britain has been an Islamic State for 15 years. Grand Mufti of Great Britain, Anjem Choudary, has been losing Sharia Police on a regular basis to attacks from the last remaining pockets of secular resistance. In a bid to wipe our the last remnants of dissenting voices, Grand Mufti Choudary has unleashed his new secret weapon, Sharia Robocop.